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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 5-11

Making the literature offer

1. How will you tie in book offer with topic?
2. What point(s) do you plan to use from book(s)?

JANUARY 12-18

Why is it best to

1. Seek points of agreement?
2. Reason using scriptures?

JANUARY 19-25

What should we keep in mind when

1. Starting study on first call?
2. Starting study with *"Look!"* brochure?

JANUARY 26–FEBRUARY 1

When and how can we use

1. "The purpose of *The Watchtower*"?
2. Number of languages printed?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?:*

January 4: Pages 159* to 165*
January 11: Pages 165* to 172*
January 18: Pages 172* to 178*
January 25: Pages 178* to 180#

* To or from subheading.
# To last paragraph on page.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Peace on Earth a Sure Promise!

Ps. 46:8, 9—Only God can end war.

Ps. 72:7—Assurance of unending peace.

Share Valuable Spiritual Food With Others

[1] King David of Israel said in praise to Jehovah: "You are opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing." (Ps. 145:16) During this time of the end, Jehovah's generous provision of spiritual food in due season makes us a well-fed and happy people. Like David, we are moved to praise Jehovah's name because of his loving care for us.

[2] Having spiritual provisions in such abundance, it is natural that we would want to share what we have with others. For that reason, during the months of January and February, we will feature several of the older publications in our house-to-house ministry.

[3] Congregations having any of the following publications in stock may offer them in the field at the special rate of 50¢ each or two for $1.00: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government*.

WHAT WE CAN HIGHLIGHT

[4] Make an effort to point out an interesting thought from the book you feature. For example, in making a brief presentation using the *Holy Spirit* book, you might say: "Just about everyone these days is concerned with the threat of nuclear war. However, the Bible tells us that God is going to cause wars to cease. [Read Psalm 46:8, 9.] That promise of abundant peace was written under inspiration of God's holy spirit, the same holy spirit that is behind the worldwide peace that will be such a blessing to all mankind." Then turn to page 163 and read paragraph 2. Refer to the title of the chapter to show that such peace has the backing of God's holy spirit. Then offer the book on a contribution of 50¢.

[5] If you plan to use the *Choosing* book, after discussing the two texts in our Topic for Conversation, you might say: "All of us enjoy having the right to make a choice when something is offered to us. There are many choices when it comes to deciding what is the best way of life. Note, please, the first chapter of this book entitled 'Making the Right Choice.' [Read paragraph 3 on page 5.] This publication can help you to make the right choice. It is offered on a contribution of only 50¢."

[6] January and February should see a large distribution of these older publications. Whichever publication you use, keep in mind that within its pages is found spiritual refreshment for those who are thirsting for truth. Placing one or more of these publications with an interested person opens the way for a return visit and perhaps a Bible study, for, indeed, these publications are what Jehovah has supplied through his organization to satisfy mankind.

Worldwide Service Report—A Cause for Rejoicing

[1] The worldwide service report for 1986 gives clear evidence that Jehovah's people responded enthusiastically to the urging of the yeartext: "Go . . . , declare abroad the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:60) It also shows that Jehovah has richly blessed our endeavors in the ministry. How happy we all are to have had a part in raising up a great shout of praise to Jehovah's name! —Ps. 95:1, 2.

[2] As we closely examine the 1987 *Yearbook* report, we will no doubt be moved to praise Jehovah even more, reflecting the spirit of David's inspired expression when he said: "I will laud you, O Jehovah, with all my heart; . . . I will rejoice and exult in you." (Ps. 9:1, 2) Praises are certainly due Jehovah because of the way in which he has removed obstacles, overcome opposition, and made our ministry a success.—1 Cor. 3:6, 7; compare Psalm 9:7-11.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE REPORT

[3] Yes, the 1986 service year was outstanding in every way. Literature placements increased greatly over the previous year. Bound book placements were up 23.9 percent, for a total of 23,828,314. Just think about the millions of individuals who have had opportunity to read extensively the Kingdom message contained in these books!

[4] We get an idea of just how busy Jehovah's servants were during the year when we contemplate a total of 680,837,042 hours spent in field service. That was an increase of 15 percent over 1985. Many millions of those hours were used in conducting 2,726,252 home Bible studies on the average each month, a remarkable 14.6-percent increase.

[5] The effectiveness of this ministry in making disciples is clearly

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 4

Song 181

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage brothers to share in magazine work on second Saturday of the month. Read Society's letter of December 15, 1986, regarding convention arrangements.

18 min: "1987 'Trust in Jehovah' District Convention." Question-and-answer discussion of paragraphs 1-9 conducted by convention coordinator. Read paragraphs 2, 3, and 5-9, and make application of scriptures as time allows.

8 min: "Tract Distribution to Be Intensified." Discuss information in article. Encourage all to use tracts each time in service and suggest various appropriate ways to use them in local territory. Following part will demonstrate use of tract *Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?*

12 min: "Share Valuable Spiritual Food With Others." Question-and-answer discussion with brief demonstration of one of the suggestions in paragraphs 4 and 5. Show how to use the tract being featured. Let brothers know what books are available for January and February offer.

Song 183 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 11

Song 192

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Include report of any contributions sent by congregation to Society for Kingdom work or for Society Kingdom Hall Fund as noted on December literature statement or other statements from Society. Distribute Medical Alert cards. These can be made available to all who desire one, except disassociated and disfellowshipped persons. JM

23 min: "Could More Start a Bible Study?" Questions and answers. Focus should be on practical application of suggestions in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Include five-minute demonstration of making a return visit where the *"Look!"* brochure was placed. Lead into a study. EW

12 min: "1987 'Trust in Jehovah' District Convention." Encouraging and animated talk on paragraphs 10-15 of insert. Remind brothers to use convention information posted on information board.

Song 213 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 18

Song 144 AW - ES

PM

10 min: Selected Announcements, local announcements, and Theocratic News. Encourage magazine activity on fourth Saturday. Two brief demonstrations of presenting current magazines.

8 min: "Joyfully Enduring Trials Brings God's Approval." Talk. Build enthusiasm for new circuit assembly program and stress value of attending each session.

20 min: "Worldwide Service Report—A Cause for Rejoicing." Question-and-answer discussion conducted by service overseer or other qualified elder. Include encouraging comments on accomplishments of local congregation during 1986 service year. Commend brothers for work done.

7 min: Local experiences in offering older books from house to house.

Song 115 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 25 RJ KW

Song 28

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field service on February 1.

23 min: "Presenting the Good News—In a Tactful Way." Question-and-answer coverage. Demonstrate points from paragraph 7 on encouraging a student to attend meetings more regularly.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "Is Your Child 'Growing to Salvation'?" based on August 1, 1986, *Watchtower*, pages 27-31. Include some audience participation.

Song 66 and concluding prayer.

Rejoicing *(Cont'd)*

evident. The 225,868 baptized represent an amazing 19-percent increase over 1985. The average number of publishers increased by 6.9 percent. During the year there was a monthly average of 3,063,289. The peak number came to 3,229,022. The 21.2-percent increase in pioneers, to a monthly average of 391,294, was outstanding.

[6] The fine increase in Kingdom publishers made it necessary for us to form many new congregations during the year. The worldwide total reached 52,177, which is 2,461 more congregations than in 1985.

[7] All will be thrilled to know that 8,160,597 attended the Memorial celebration on March 24. This was a 4.7-percent increase over the previous year. When we consider what was accomplished in 208 lands during this past service year and the potential indicated for continued growth, we do have great cause for rejoicing and for thanking Jehovah for his goodness.—Ps. 22:22.

UNITED STATES REPORT

[8] What about the United States report? Our literature and magazine placements exceeded the figures for the previous year in percentages comparable to what was done throughout the world. We had 710,344 average publishers, a 5-percent increase. In August we reached the peak of 744,919. Our Memorial attendance was 2 percent higher than in 1985, and in the United States we ended the service year with 8,336 congregations. Particularly outstanding was the increase in the regular pioneer ranks. These swelled from a monthly average of 35,931 in 1985 to 44,664 in 1986. We also maintained a fine average in hours for congregation publishers, reflecting sustained enthusiasm and regularity in the field ministry.

[9] In this country there were 41,697 baptized during the year, a 21-percent increase. Thousands more are making progress through Bible studies and are being directed to the organization and helped toward dedication and baptism.—2 Cor. 6:2.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

[10] As we move along in the 1987 service year, we continue to look to Jehovah for his blessing upon all our activity. There is yet "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58) Millions of people everywhere are gladly listening to the Kingdom message. We are happy that the printed page continues to serve well in reaching them.—Matt. 5:3, 6.

[11] As we continue to have a full share in preaching the Kingdom good news during 1987, may we be spurred on by the words of our yeartext at Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my household, we shall serve Jehovah." The increases that Jehovah gives during this service year will bring further praise to his name. What can we expect 87

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1987 "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention

[1] In our times tremendous pressures are brought to bear on everyone. From every direction problems confront us. It certainly takes courage to keep going and it is not in our own strength that we can do this. (2 Cor. 4:7) As experience has shown, it is folly to trust in human wisdom respecting essential matters of life. (Ps. 146:3) To assist all of us in developing our trust in Jehovah and in learning practical ways to demonstrate this trust, the Society has arranged for many three-day "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions in the contiguous United States during 1987. You will without fail enjoy Jehovah's rich blessings as you arrange to be in attendance at one of these conventions designed to reinforce your determination to "trust in Jehovah with all your heart."—Prov. 3:5.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[2] During the announcement period of the Service Meeting for the week of January 4, the letter from the Society dated December 15, 1986, will be read, informing each congregation of the convention it is assigned to attend. Following this Service Meeting, the elders will post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list that has been received from the District Convention Committee. This is a list of all the motels presently cooperating with the Society's rooming arrangement. By cooperating with these arrangements, the congregations will help the convention organization in its efforts to provide sufficient seats, food, literature, and rooming accommodations for everyone. As you make your plans to be in attendance, lovingly include others who need assistance, especially newly interested ones, so they can attend every session as well. (Gal. 6:10) The program will start at 10:20 a.m. on Friday.

[3] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation posts the Recommended Lodging Locations list containing the addresses of the motels, their agreed-upon rates, and the phone numbers, you should IMMEDIATELY phone the motel of your choice, identify yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention, and make reservations. Doing so will qualify you for the rates listed, which in most cases will result in considerable savings, since the convention has negotiated for a large number of rooms. One night's DEPOSIT will be required at all locations to hold the room and should be sent directly to the motel AS SOON AS you make your reservations. Do not make reservations you do not intend to use or reservations at more than one motel. (Compare Matthew 5:37.) MOTELS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HOLD THE ROOMS OR EXTEND THE SPECIAL RATES BEYOND THE CUTOFF DATE WITHOUT A DEPOSIT. If you must cancel your accommodations, you should notify the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available for other delegates. If the motel you call first is filled, then call your next selection from the list, and so on. The convention Rooming Department will provide the congregation with revised lists as long as necessary, deleting motels that are filled and listing additional motels until everyone has a room. Thus, if

the motels on the list are filled, please wait patiently for the next list, and you will be able to obtain a room. Do not accept rooms at a price higher than what is shown on the lodging list, even if the motel says the convention block is full. Try another motel on the list.

4 **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

5 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of such circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves taking those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf, or others, with them in their own group. They may also care for such ones in other ways. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3: 17, 18) Of course, the convention Rooming Department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for publishers with special needs who are unable to care for themselves or who cannot be assisted by those from the congregation where they attend. These may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request form, discussing their situation with him at that time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should fill out this form. Afterward it should be returned to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy, and verification of the fact that their circumstances qualify them for special needs consideration. The convention coordinator then forwards the form to the convention Rooming Department and the individual will be notified directly about the accommodations. This should be done well ahead of the convention. Those with special needs should NOT go to the convention and request a room when they arrive, because the convention Rooming Department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

6 Private home accommodations are usually set aside for those who have limited funds and who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money. Nor is it proper for delegates to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting to be accommodated extra days so they can visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention. These rooms are for the convention period only. Those receiving such accommodations are to see that they and their children act respectfully toward the home of their host and not damage anything, rummage through the host's possessions, or enter private areas of the home. If any do so, their congregation's elders will be advised.

7 **DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA:** To reduce travel, district conventions are arranged at many locations. In nearly every case, the convention you are assigned to attend is the one nearest to your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, if for some reason you will be attending a convention other than the one assigned and need accommodations, please see your congregation's convention coordinator for the address of the convention headquarters where you desire to attend.

These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request form. Then write to that convention headquarters and request a copy of the motel listing for that location, sending along a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Upon receipt of this list, use it to make your reservations.

[8] **YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED:** The smoothness and success with which this rooming arrangement functions depends on the cooperation of everyone involved. Thus, we are asking everyone to cooperate with the Society's rooming arrangement so as to avoid major difficulties in our negotiations.

1) Do not make reservations before the congregations receive the Recommended Lodging Locations list from the convention or try to make reservations for the next year while attending the current convention.

2) Do not make reservations with motels not on the list.

3) Do not make reservations at more than one motel, and after arriving, check each one and then take the best one, canceling the others.

4) Do not reserve rooms for others without giving deposits and names for each room.

[9] Such abuses are selfish and unloving. They not only make it difficult to negotiate for good rates at the motels but also bring reproach on Jehovah's name and organization. The convention organization is working hard to save our brothers as much expense as possible, and so it is in the best interests of all for everyone to cooperate fully with the Society's rooming arrangement. The listing is broad enough to give a choice of good-quality accommodations and yet give preference to the motels that cooperate. Our aim with this arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible so that they will be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION AT CONVENTIONS

[10] Starting in 1978 the Society standardized and simplified district convention food service, volunteer service, rooming, and other arrangements, which resulted in the elimination of much work. In view of the pressures and demands made on our brothers by daily living, the Society is seeking further ways to simplify convention operations. Thus, more attention may be given to the spiritual aspects of the convention, and the workers will be able to enjoy more of the program. (Deut. 31:12; compare Luke 10:38-42.) Additionally, as attendance continues to grow, the number of conventions and the resulting work involved in handling them increase. (Isa. 60:22) For these and other reasons that should be appreciated by everyone, the Society is simplifying the food service arrangements even further, along with arranging for three-day district conventions in 1987, as announced in the closing comments at the conventions last summer.

[11] A great deal of work and expensive equipment have been needed in the past few years to provide hot foods on the menu for the district convention, and this also required that a number of volunteers in the Food Service Department work during the sessions. Additionally, some health departments have been quite extreme in their requirements for serving hot food, and this has been a burden to the brothers in charge. The Society's large oven trailers must be fired by gas, and in view of the dangers involved, this has been of great concern not only to the Society but also to fire departments and managements of the buildings used. Oven trailers also require much maintenance, storage, and transportation that involve

work, time, and expense. The Society, therefore, feels that it is wise, in view of these and other concerns, to simplify further the preparation of items on the menu at district conventions. This involves the elimination of the three hot items that were served. These will be replaced with appropriate cold items; however, the rest of the menu will be similar to what has been used in the past few years. This means there will no longer be a need for ovens with their gas and electrical hookups, Styrofoam chests to keep the food hot, other related equipment, and much of the kitchen help that was previously used, especially during the program.

[12] The Society appreciates very much the fine support you brothers and sisters have been giving over the years to the food service arrangements at the district conventions. This has helped in many ways. It has been possible to rent good buildings and care for the convention expenses, and has enabled those attending to remain at the convention site during the short noon break so as to obtain meals conveniently, be refreshed, and then be present for the more important spiritual program.

[13] We realize the adjusted menu may appear to be somewhat limited, but with 14 or 15 items being served, it should provide sufficient sustenance for the morning and noon periods for three days. (Compare Matthew 14:14-20.) In many countries our brothers daily subsist on far less than we do in this country. Interestingly, on most work days, many hardworking brothers and sisters in this country take a cold lunch to work with them and then enjoy a warm meal in the evening. Although a few have brought their own cold food to conventions, it would be well to consider if it is necessary to make such an effort, since all that is involved at the convention would be breakfast and lunch for three days. Inasmuch as the convention site actually becomes a large Kingdom Hall during the convention, it is also wise to avoid developing a picnic atmosphere by eating during the sessions. For the evening meal, brothers can make their own arrangements.

SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS

[14] As you will note in the February 1, 1987, *Watchtower,* sign language translation will be provided only at 16 specific convention cities. (NO provision will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) We know this will prove to be a real blessing to those with this special need by providing good-quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers should let the deaf in their congregation know of the arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made by the Society.

TAPE RECORDINGS

[15] No provision will be made by the Society for recording the program or the dramas either on audiotape or on videotape. Any individuals who make personal recordings for their own use should do so in such a way that it will not disturb or distract others in attendance.

[NOTE TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please read the Society's convention assignment letter for your congregation, dated December 15, 1986, at your Service Meeting during the week of January 4 and post on the information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list. (NO ONE, INCLUDING THE ELDERS, SHOULD CALL ANY MOTELS BEFORE THIS SERVICE MEETING.) Please read the assignment letter again at your next meeting and then post it on the information board. In this way all the congregations will receive the information the same week.

The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct the first of the Service Meeting parts that cover this insert, as well as handle other convention-related material and announcements on future meetings. All elders will want to cooperate fully to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic, and effective handling of convention-related material.]

Announcements

- Literature offer for **January and February:** Any of the following 192-page books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government*. Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James, Holy Spirit,* and *Truth* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations may request credit for all books placed over the counter during the campaign. **March:** *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25. **April and May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $4.00. If subscription is not taken, offer two magazines and a brochure for 70¢.

- Starting in February at circuit assemblies, district overseers will give the public talk "You Can Enjoy Life in Peace Now." The new public talk for circuit overseers will be "What It Means to Be a Spiritual Man."

- Presiding overseer should arrange to have Medical Alert cards distributed at beginning of the Service Meeting the week of January 11. Brother handling announcements can give brief reminders concerning use of card as expressed in letter dated July 20, 1980. Brothers are encouraged to fill out card promptly and see that it is properly signed and dated.

- The new brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* will be considered at the Congregation Book Study beginning the week of February 15.

- New Publications Available:
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Chinese
  - *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"* —Finnish, Japanese
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Finnish, Japanese, Korean
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Chichewa, Finnish, Greenlandic, Icelandic, Japanese, Kalanga, Shona, Thai, Ukrainian

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch
  - *The First to the Thessalonians* through *To Philemon* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch
  - *Deuteronomy* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German

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	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	288	127.4	96.9	53.9	5.7
Pios.	52,907	86.7	47.9	29.9	2.9
Aux. Pios.	43,542	60.4	35.1	17.2	1.4
Pubs.	628,785	9.6	7.1	3.7	0.4
TOTAL	725,522				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,385

Could More Start a Bible Study?

[1] Are you presently conducting a home Bible study? If not, would you like to do so? Jesus emphasized that in addition to giving an initial witness, we must help interested persons grow spiritually. (John 4:39-42) Field service reports, however, show that many publishers have never had the privilege of conducting a home Bible study. Some who have done so previously are not conducting a study now.

[2] If we prepare for and conduct a Bible study on a regular basis, Jehovah will bless our endeavors. Ask those in the congregation who conduct productive Bible studies, and they will be quick to tell you of the great joy it brings.

[3] The *"Look!"* brochure that we received at last summer's district convention is an excellent aid in starting Bible studies. While the *Live Forever* book is our primary study publication, we can first lay a fine foundation by studying through this brochure. Then we can interest the householder in a more detailed study in the book.

HOW TO START A BIBLE STUDY

[4] If sufficient interest is shown, there is no need to leave right after making a placement. A Bible study may be started right then. This can be done by reading together selected paragraphs and looking up and discussing key scriptures.

[5] In some cases, although the householder may not accept the literature offer, he may show respect and appreciation for the Bible. Wherever such interest is noted, it may be appropriate to continue the conversation. Perhaps arrangements can be made to return and discuss the initial subject further or take up another Bible topic. Specific chapters of the Society's publications, as well as portions of the *Reasoning* book, provide a wealth of information for such Bible conversations. At a future date, it may be possible to introduce a publication and suggest a formal study arrangement.

[6] In addition to opportunities in the field ministry, have we endeavored to start Bible studies with neighbors, associates, or family members? While we may have done this previously, have we done so recently? Questions and concerns of workmates, schoolmates, and teachers may be progressively developed into Bible discussions and studies. A clear, concise, and encouraging Scriptural answer can demonstrate the value of the Bible. The study could be conducted at lunchtime, after work, after school, or whenever convenient, so as to help the individual to progress spiritually.

[7] Preparation is essential. When making a return visit, be sure to have clearly in mind the material you are going to discuss. In preparing for the call, it would be good to focus on how each discussion can contribute to your goal of starting a home Bible study.

[8] Acts 20:35 helps us to appreciate that much joy and happiness come from sharing what we have with others. Conducting a home Bible study affords an excellent opportunity to experience that joy. Let us make it our goal to share in this service.

Tract Distribution to Be Intensified

[1] It was in 1880 that Jehovah's Witnesses in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, began to publish and distribute informative Bible tracts. Today, over one hundred years later, tract distribution continues to be a part of our public ministry. Its importance is emphasized in the corporate title Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania. —Matt. 24:14

[2] In recent years a number of *Kingdom News* tracts have been published. Some of these were designed to introduce newly released books. With others, special effort was made to reach everyone in our territory with a brief, timely message. Many publishers use tracts consistently, giving them to all friendly householders and usually leaving one at each door where no one is at home. All of this has been outstandingly successful, stimulating interest in the Kingdom message and alerting people to the Bible's message for our times.—Ezek. 3:18, 19; Rev. 22:17.

[3] In view of their proved effectiveness, a special effort will be made to increase tract distribution during the next few months. *Kingdom News* No. 30 (*Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?*) will be used in January. In February we will concentrate on the tract *Are We Nearing Armageddon?* During March we will feature *Kingdom News* No. 32 and in April *Kingdom News* No. 33. The Society will make some consignments of tracts, free of charge, to congregations in most of the large

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In a Tactful Way

1 “Let your utterance be always with graciousness, seasoned with salt, so as to know how you ought to give an answer to each one.” (Col. 4:6) What fine advice the apostle Paul gave! We do well to keep his counsel in mind as we share the truth with others.—2 Cor. 6:3.

IN HOUSE-TO-HOUSE MINISTRY

2 Tact involves knowing what to do or say to maintain good relations with others and to avoid giving offense. In our door-to-door activity we meet people who tell us they are busy. If we see they are genuinely busy, we may just briefly offer the literature and tell them we would like to return on another occasion to talk with them. If they do not seem to be all that busy, we might say, “Then I will be brief.” Afterward, we can summarize what we had hoped to discuss, confining our comments to a minute or so.

3 At times we may meet householders who are rude. We do not want to be ill-mannered in our reply and “return evil for evil.” (Rom. 12:17) We need to be tactful, paying attention to the reminder at Proverbs 15:1: “An answer, when mild, turns away rage.” The material on pages 15-24 of the *Reasoning* book will help us to respond to householders in a mild, tactful way.

ON RETURN VISITS

4 Oftentimes when we call back on individuals who have taken literature, we find they have not looked into the publication at all. We want to encourage such people to read the literature they obtained. To do this we might tactfully point to interesting questions that the publication answers. This may whet their spiritual appetite and motivate them to look into the printed material they have.

5 Many of us have had the experience of making a definite appointment for a return visit, only to find that the person was not at home when we called back. While this is disappointing and may have cost us time and effort, when we meet the person again we should still be tactful in what we say. We can tell him we were sorry we did not find him home and mention that we will put forth a special effort to call again and that we look forward to a further Bible discussion.

ON BIBLE STUDIES

6 Individuals do not always prepare for their studies. When this is the case, we might take a little time to show them how to prepare. Or we might point out some of the things they could learn by preparing ahead of time. The study would move along faster, and they would make more progress.

7 An individual with whom we study may not be attending meetings as regularly as he should. We could discuss scriptures such as Psalm 133:1 or Hebrews 10:24, 25 and ask him how he understands these verses. Some publishers who came into the truth rather quickly may become impatient with those who make progress slowly. But we want to remember that individuals are not all alike, and so we need to exercise greater patience with some.

8 Paul told Timothy that “a slave of the Lord . . . needs to be gentle toward all, . . . instructing with mildness those not favorably disposed.” (2 Tim. 2:24, 25) If that is true of those “not favorably disposed,” those who have shown interest to the point of agreeing to study should certainly be dealt with in a mild and tactful way. This would include our children and others in our own family with whom we study.

9 As we present the good news from house to house, on return visits, or at Bible studies, may all of us copy the fine example of the Great Teacher, Jesus, who said of himself, “I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart.” (Matt. 11:29) We should display like qualities, being mild-tempered and tactful in our preaching and disciple-making work.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Antigua had a new peak of 225 publishers in August for a 14-percent increase, and Dominica had a peak of 233 for a 20-percent increase.**

◆ **Belgium was happy to conclude the past service year with a new peak of 22,202 publishers for August.**

◆ **Madagascar had a 20-percent increase in August with a new peak of 2,265 publishers, of which 121 were regular pioneers, also a peak.**

Joyfully Enduring Trials Brings God’s Approval

1 Jesus foretold that his followers would face persecution and hatred even as he did. (John 15:20; Matt. 24:9) While we do face such trials, many also endure trials such as economic and health problems and difficulties on the secular job or at school. How can we joyfully cope with such trials?

2 The theme of our next series of circuit assemblies beginning February 1987 will be “Joyfully Enduring Trials Brings God’s Approval.” We will be helped to understand why we can expect trials, the benefits that come from enduring, and why we can be joyful. The public talk on the subject “You Can Enjoy Life in Peace Now” will be of special interest. The information presented will help interested persons appreciate the source of peace and how they can enjoy it now. All will want to make plans to be present both days.

3 Jesus found delight in doing his Father’s will, even though he faced persecution. By joyfully enduring trials to the point of death, he gained God’s approval. (Heb. 12:2) The new circuit assembly program will encourage us to copy his fine example.—1 Pet. 1:21.

Tract Distribution *(Cont’d)*

metropolitan areas of the country. Congregations that have supplies of tracts already on hand should use these up. They may wish to absorb the cost for such tracts, or they may request credit from the Society if they so desire. Since these items will be out of stock in Brooklyn, congregations desiring a supply of tracts should check with other nearby congregations.

4 These tracts contain important messages for the people in our territory. They may be used in connection with our regular house-to-house work with the magazines and the monthly literature offer. All are encouraged to carry a supply of tracts at all times and endeavor to leave a copy with each householder as well as at each not-at-home, making sure that it is out of sight of passersby. If a back issue of *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* is left under the door, a tract should be put with it. Tracts left when people are not at home may open the way for a stimulating conversation later.

5 Be sure to keep some on hand and offer a copy to business associates, people with whom you work, or teachers and fellow students at school. Offer them to relatives and neighbors as well. The tracts are particularly helpful when witnessing informally. New and younger publishers will find tract distribution to be a fine way to increase their share in spreading the Kingdom message.

6 May Jehovah bless our united endeavors to share fully in this special effort to sound the warning concerning things to come and to make known the good news.—Isa. 52:7.

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 2-8

Offering the older books

1. To what illustrations will you refer?
2. What specific points will you highlight?

FEBRUARY 9-15

Current Topic for Conversation

1. Review key points of Ps. 46: 8, 9; 72:7.
2. How will you make the transition to book offer?
3. How can you lay groundwork for a return visit?

FEBRUARY 16-22

Offering the magazines

1. What will you highlight?
2. How can current events be used?
3. Demonstrate a 30- to 60-second presentation.

FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 1

How has the *Reasoning* book helped you to

1. Handle local objections?
2. Make effective return visits?
3. Vary your approach from door to door?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Peace on Earth a Sure Promise!
Ps. 46:8, 9—Only God can end war.
Ps. 72:7—Assurance of unending peace.

Continue Offering Older Publications

1 It is always pleasant to remember things that brought us joy and resulted in personal benefit. How much more so is this true when we recall getting a new convention release, knowing it was especially provided to enhance our spirituality!—2 Pet. 3:1, 2.

2 For many of us, the present service campaign of offering the outstanding pocket-size book releases from previous years has served as a reminder of the value of these publications. Those publishers and newly interested ones who have not read these books will certainly want to obtain personal copies. All of us can feel confident that getting these older publications into the hands of the people in our territory will do much to stimulate further interest in the Kingdom message.

PAST RELEASES WE CAN USE

3 In 1974 many of us rejoiced to receive *Is This Life All There Is?* How good it was to see coverage of topics such as the soul, the rich man and Lazarus, the fire of Gehenna, and the prospects for billions to be raised from the dead! Indeed, this was a valuable addition to our theocratic library.

4 Another interesting release was received at the "Joyful Workers" District Assemblies in 1977. It was entitled *Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom.* What a marvelous treasure this book has proved to be! As stated on the publisher's page, the book is "dedicated to the God whose happy time has come to replace man's disastrous rulership of himself with the righteous government for which heartsick people of all races have longed." The theme of the Bible, God's Kingdom, is developed throughout the book.

AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY

5 Since we consider these publications an important part of our own theocratic library, we should make a special effort to continue offering them in the field ministry during February. When presenting *Is This Life All There Is?* you might say: "With people everywhere facing so many problems, what is your outlook for the future? [Allow for response.] There is a solution we can count on." Then you might read the scriptures in the current Topic for Conversation and refer to points in an appropriate chapter, such as 15, 16, 17, or 18. The book can be offered for 50¢.

6 Perhaps you will be offering *Our Incoming World Government—God's*

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Youths—Reach Out for Worthwhile Goals

1 What are your goals in life? Many young people have not set any spiritual goals. But is it not good to experience the feeling that comes from setting Christian goals and then successfully achieving them?

2 Many of our youths have seen the futility of reaching for materialistic goals, including those that involve advanced secular education. They have concluded that such goals are not worth risking the potential dangers to be encountered. At best, benefits from worldly achievements can last only as long as this system, which is now hastening toward its complete end. However, theocratic goals, pursued with the enlightenment of divine education, will be personally satisfying now and lead ultimately to eternal salvation.—Eccl. 12:1, 13.

THEOCRATIC GOALS

3 As young people today, do you search for worthwhile knowledge? At Proverbs 2:1-5 we are counseled to "find the very knowledge of God." You can never hope to acquire knowledge of God unless you study his Word. By regular personal study you impress more deeply on your mind and heart the Scriptural material designed to draw you closer to Jehovah. You will learn more and remember more. This will help you to be better equipped to make decisions when faced with important issues. As you apply yourself, your reading ability should improve, as well as your grammar and vocabulary.

4 You cannot accomplish this all in one day. Developing spiritual maturity takes time and patience. But if you set individual goals and make steady progress, spiritual maturity can be attained.

5 Do you reach out for privileges of Christian service? Do you have a personal goal of putting a certain amount of time in the

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 1

Song 118

7 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Outline field service arrangements for the weekend and encourage all to participate.

15 min: "Continue Offering Older Publications." Question-and-answer coverage. Have experienced publishers demonstrate points in paragraphs 5 and 6. Adapt demonstrations to use books that are available locally. Remind congregation to place the pocket-size books being featured during February and that are on hand at the literature counter or in personal literature supplies. The books are distributed for 50¢ each. At the end of February, congregations may request credit for all older books placed over the counter.

23 min: "Simplification Helps Us to 'Make Sure of the More Important Things.'" Question-and-answer consideration of insert article. Have key paragraphs read.

Song 8 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 8

Song 221

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Read Society acknowledgment of any contributions that may appear on statements for month. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Suggest talking points in current magazines for use in local territory. Emphasize fact that March has five Sundays and offers a fine opportunity for auxiliary pioneering. ES

20 min: "Youths—Reach Out for Worthwhile Goals." Question-and-answer discussion of material. Encourage young ones to have spiritual goals and to work to reach them. Interview one or two regular pioneers or youths reaching out for a career in full-time service. Let them express why they chose to reach out for spiritual goals rather than a career in this world.

RJ

15 min: Benefiting From Faithful Shepherds. Encouraging talk by elder regarding shepherding visits. Emphasize that elders are there to give spiritual encouragement and to render assistance if needed. May highlight various points in article "Elders, Take Your Shepherding Responsibilities Seriously" in November 15, 1985, *Watchtower*.

Song 184 and concluding prayer.

ES DW

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 15

Song 211

BB

9 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Question Box. Explain how *Our Kingdom Ministry* is distributed locally. Ask audience to bring personal notes on circuit assembly program for review next week.

PM

16 min: "Preparing for and Conducting Home Bible Studies." Question-and-answer consideration of article. This information on Bible studies is supplemental to what appeared in the December 1986 and January 1987 issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Briefly mention titles of past two articles.

JM

20 min: "Auxiliary Pioneering—Have You Tried It?" and "Regular Pioneer Service—An Invitation to Increased Happiness." Consideration of two insert articles. Give number of auxiliary and regular pioneers enrolled for March and show how this compares with last March. Have applications available for those who wish to enroll as auxiliary pioneers now.

Song 162 and concluding prayer.

WR

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 22

Song 72

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to have a share in magazine work Saturday. Also, encourage support of field service activity with the campaign offer on first Sunday of March. T

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Making Return Visits." Questions and answers. Have a well-prepared demonstration leading into a study with *"Look!"* brochure when considering paragraphs 3-5. As time permits, interview a publisher who does particularly well on return visits. Cover practical suggestions that will be helpful to newer, less experienced publishers. D AL

10 min: Appreciating Our Circuit Assemblies. Audience participation. Review the highlights of the program that developed the theme "Progressively Walk in Jehovah's Ways." Emphasis can be placed on questions such as the following: What counsel was given to individual family members to help all to fulfill their role theocratically? What clear direction about our Kingdom Hall conduct was given? How were youths warned about their school associates? What encouragement to resist worldly entanglements was given? Help all to make personal, practical application.

15 min: Local needs or talk by an elder who is family head on theme "Are You Conducting an Effective Family Study?" Review highlights of study articles in November 1, 1986, *Watchtower*. Make local application. J

Song 210 and concluding prayer.

Offering (*Cont'd*)

Kingdom. If so, why not look at chapters 1 and 12 and pick out talking points appropriate for your territory? Note that chapter 1 describes the physical changes people will undergo as subjects of the Kingdom government. The location of this new government is clearly identified on pages 13 and 14. Further interesting points can be found in chapter 12.

⁷ You may wish to offer the pocket-size books featured during February in a combination of two or more. Be positive in your presentation.

⁸ Pray for Jehovah's blessing on your efforts to help others take advantage of the fine information found in the books we will be offering during the month of February.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?*:

February 1: Pages 182 to 186
February 8: Review entire book

Schedule for congregation studies in the brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"*:

February 15: Paragraphs 1 to 7
February 22: Paragraphs 8 to 19

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	280	129.4	87.8	53.6	5.9
Pios.	52,606	81.4	40.4	28.4	2.9
Aux. Pios.	38,225	58.4	29.8	16.9	1.5
Pubs.	630,734	9.6	6.9	3.7	0.5
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Simplification

Helps Us to "Make Sure of the More Important Things"

[1] Do you agree that as Christians we have "plenty to do in the work of the Lord"? (1 Cor. 15:58) No doubt you have a full schedule of theocratic activities, including personal and family study, attendance at Christian meetings, and the preaching and teaching of the good news. Besides all of this, you may also be caring for various matters of a secular nature. Sometimes unnecessary activities can begin to take much time or drain one's resources. Increased responsibilities may arise, requiring more efficient use of our time and assets. At such times it is wise for a family to consider what can be done to "make sure of the more important things."—Phil. 1:10.

[2] There is a similar situation in the household of God due to our rapidly growing worldwide family. (1 Tim. 3:15) The Governing Body has found it necessary and wise to implement a simplification program. Measures are being taken so that the organization can "stretch out," as it were, to accommodate the many new ones coming in and at the same time continue to provide all of us with vital spiritual things.—Isa. 54:1-3; Matt. 24:45-47.

[3] The insert of the August 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry* explained how a simplified reporting arrangement for regular pioneers would begin operation in September 1986. We are happy to report that this has had a fine effect here at the Brooklyn branch office. The new arrangement has already eliminated considerable work for some of our office staff, allowing them to care for other necessary matters.

ANNUAL CIRCUIT ASSEMBLY

[4] By means of a letter from the Society, all congregations have learned that starting September 1987 each circuit will have one circuit assembly a year. This adjustment will accomplish many beneficial things. Those circuits using Assembly Halls that had full schedules will not be having a circuit assembly within just a few weeks of their assigned district convention. The Assembly Halls will have some open weeks during which necessary maintenance can be done. There will be time available between circuit assemblies for conducting the Pioneer Service School and also the Kingdom Ministry School from time to time. Circuit overseers and congregation elders will have some additional time to care for other theocratic responsibilities. It will be possible for the district overseer, after serving the circuit during the assembly week(s), to spend a week with the circuit overseer as he visits a congregation. This arrangement will be beneficial in other ways, too, not only here in the United States but in many other countries.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY DAY

[5] For a number of years now, about half of the circuits in this country have held a special event each year, featuring a speaker from Brooklyn Bethel. On such occasions a two- or three-hour program has been presented. The Society is adjusting this arrangement so that beginning September 1987, it will be possible for each circuit or section of a circuit to have a special assembly day.

[6] The circuit overseer will advise congregations in his circuit of the date scheduled by the Society for this event. This will be a time during the year that will not be too close to the date of your regular circuit assembly or the district convention. Circuits that are assigned to an Assembly Hall will be able to use such facilities on either a Saturday or a Sunday. This means that, wherever possible, two different circuits or two sections of the same circuit will be able to use the Assembly Hall on one weekend.

[7] Where circuits do not have an Assembly Hall available, all sections of a circuit may come together for a special assembly day if this is convenient for all the congregations and if large enough facilities are available. In some of the larger metropolitan areas where no Assembly Hall is available, two or, at the most, three circuits may meet together for this purpose.

[8] The annual special assembly day will prove to be another fine occasion for the brothers to receive wholesome spiritual instruction and to encourage one another. (Heb. 10:24, 25) Scriptural information that is needed for our times will be presented by assigned speakers under the direction of the Society. In many cases, it will be possible for certain qualified brothers from Brooklyn Bethel to share in the program along with local traveling overseers and other qualified elders in the circuit. Also, you will be glad to know that on these occasions arrangements will be made for a baptism. Thus, there will still be three opportunities each year for those who make a dedication to Jehovah God and who complete a review of the questions in the *Our Ministry* book with the elders to be baptized.

SIMPLIFIED FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

[9] We appreciate the fine labors of love that thousands of our brothers and sisters have performed over the years to provide cafeteria meals at circuit assemblies. However, in accord with the principles

of 'making sure of the more important things' and keeping a 'simple eye,' it seems good to begin a simplified feeding arrangement at circuit assemblies and special assemblies, starting September 1987.—Phil. 1:10; Matt. 6:22.

10 The simplified feeding arrangement will be similar to the way things have been handled at district conventions. A simplified menu and serving procedure will eliminate the need for thousands of brothers to spend many hours making purchases of a variety of food items, preparing the food before the sessions, and then cleaning up afterward. Most of these brothers have already worked secularly during the week. Would it not be better for them if they could spend this time on the weekend concentrating on spiritual things by being in attendance to hear the program? Yes! All of us need the spiritual refreshment in order not to tire out in doing Jehovah's will.—Heb. 12:3; Isa. 40:29-31.

11 On the holy convention days during ancient Israel's annual festivals, the people were to do no laborious work except for festival preparation, including the food for those gathered. But in this matter of food, Jehovah specifically stated: "Only what every soul *needs* to eat, that alone may be done for you." (Ex. 12:16; Lev. 23:6-8; *ad* pp. 375, 574) The basic purpose of those ancient assemblies was the same as it is for our gatherings today, namely, to focus our attention on Jehovah God and be edified spiritually with the least amount of distraction possible. Truly these are "the more important things." Jesus' words addressed to Martha on a particular occasion reflect the same thought. Referring to material provisions, he said: "A few things, though, are needed, or just one." (Luke 10:38-42) We are confident that the simplified feeding arrangement will help all of us to make sure that we accomplish the purpose of our assembling.

CAN YOU SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE?

12 You can see from the above information that Jehovah's organization is being streamlined for more efficient movement during this very busy time of the end. "The time left is reduced," and hundreds of thousands are joining us in the race for everlasting life in a righteous new system of things. (1 Cor. 7:29) Just as a runner in a race strips down to the bare essentials, it behooves all of us to consider what we can do as individuals to simplify our life. Paul urges: "Let us also put off every weight and the sin that easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1) With respect to material things or secular pursuits, we can ask: 'Is this something that I need in order to keep living and serving Jehovah? Will it help me to be a better servant of Jehovah, or will it slow me down?'

13 If we follow the good example of Jehovah's organization by using our time and resources in the best way possible to advance Kingdom interests and glorify Jehovah's name, we can confidently expect to win the race for life and share in the marvelous blessings Jehovah has in store for his servants in the immediate future and throughout eternity!—Compare 1 Corinthians 9:24-26.

Auxiliary Pioneering—Have You Tried It?

1 The present auxiliary pioneer arrangement is now in its 11th year. Since it was introduced in September 1976, hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters have been enrolled. Many thousands of these arrange to serve as auxiliary pioneers during certain months each year. Others have been able to serve regularly as auxiliary pioneers for extended periods of time. All have had opportunity to benefit spiritually, draw closer to Jehovah, and become more effective ministers of the good news.

2 In September 1976, the first month of this arrangement, there was an enrollment of 16,388; that was over 10,000 more than those reporting as temporary pioneers the previous month. Enthusiasm for auxiliary pioneering continued to grow to the extent that a peak of over 100,000 was reached in April 1985. There were not quite so many in April 1986 because many former auxiliary pioneers had stepped into the regular pioneer ranks. Even so, over 96,000 were enrolled, the second highest number of auxiliary pioneers ever.

3 For many, auxiliary pioneering has proved to be a stepping-stone to privileges such as regular pioneering and Bethel service. But even if your present circumstances do not allow you to take up other special service, would you not like to share in the joy that many are having as auxiliary pioneers?

MANY HAVE DONE IT

4 Are you a parent with children still at home? Do you have to work full-time secularly in order to support yourself and your family? Are you perhaps elderly, or do you have physical limitations? Do not

quickly conclude that although you would like to auxiliary pioneer, it is impossible for you to do so now. If you have a strong desire to pioneer for at least one or two months during the year, there may be a way open to you.

[5] The requirement of 60 hours may seem like a difficult challenge, but when you look at it from the standpoint of being an average of only 2 hours a day, leaving you with the rest of your time to care for other necessary obligations, the hour requirement may not seem so imposing. Can you spend some time in field service each day over a specified period of time?

[6] Please consider what some congregations have done to encourage auxiliary pioneer service and the happy results their efforts have produced. In one congregation nearly half of the publishers enrolled as auxiliary pioneers. Included were three elders and three ministerial servants. One factor that helped to produce this fine response was the emphasizing of pioneer service in the congregation meetings for several months prior to April. Everyone in the congregation was made aware that April was to be a pioneer month. A total of 28 enrolled. Over half were married couples. One couple had five children and another had six, yet with careful planning they were able to take proper care of their family responsibilities and meet the pioneer requirements. Seven of the group had full-time secular jobs where they worked from 40 to 50 hours a week. One brother, who at first was apprehensive about signing up, stated: "It really is a lot easier than I thought it was going to be. It just takes a good schedule."

[7] An elder in a southern state wrote that 29 in his congregation auxiliary pioneered. When the names of those enrolled were announced, this encouraged others to join the ranks. Counting the 29 who enrolled, along with one regular pioneer, there were 10 brothers and 20 sisters. They ranged in age from 18 to 71.

PERSONAL BENEFITS

[8] Almost without exception, those who auxiliary pioneer for the first time speak with enthusiasm about how much they have personally benefited from the increased field service activity. Some mention ① feeling closer to Jehovah, ② attaining increased joy in the service, ③ becoming more confident at the doors, and having upbuilding experiences that otherwise they likely would not have enjoyed.

[9] One sister was able to auxiliary pioneer even though she has five children, works secularly, and has an unbaptized husband. How was she rewarded? Her husband gave his support, and as a result of her good example, he was inspired to start out in field service the following month. Another sister who had already signed up to auxiliary pioneer wrote to say that her employer had gone back on his word about giving her time off. So she told him she would have to quit her job if she did not get the time off that she needed. She reminded her employer that she could call in sick as others might do, but she would never do that since it was not honest. He agreed to give her the time she needed. How did she benefit? Only a few days of auxiliary pioneering helped strengthen her reliance on Jehovah. She said: "I don't worry so much about finances as I used to. Jehovah actually had to teach me to trust him."

[10] A disabled brother wrote to the Society about the success he and his wife were having as auxiliary pioneers. He said: "I am disabled and can only go for a limited time each day, so 60 hours a month is about right for me. We started September 1 and plan to stay in it. We're having many blessings, and for the first time since we started working with the congregation, we feel that we're accomplishing something in the territory." This is just a sample of the comments made by those who arranged their schedule so as to auxiliary pioneer.

WILL YOU TRY IT?

[11] Are you one of the many publishers who have had a longing to be a pioneer but concluded that personal circumstances would not permit pioneering on a regular basis? The Society had you in mind when introducing the auxiliary pioneer arrangement. Jehovah's blessing and your careful planning are necessary, but you can be assured that the spiritual growth and the joy to be had will make it well worth while. (Neh. 8:10) Why not make positive plans now to auxiliary pioneer in March and April? For some, May will be an ideal month for pioneering since it has five full weekends this year. So April and May might be a better time for you.

[12] Keep in mind that to be successful, careful planning is needed. This is evident from the experiences of those who were able to auxiliary pioneer even though they had family responsibilities, full-time secular jobs, and other Scriptural obligations. Each person can ask himself: 'Why do I want to pioneer? How can I go about accomplishing my goal?' The harvest is not over, and in many areas it is truly "great."—Matt. 9:37, 38; John 4:35.

[13] This is a time for vigorous increased activity on the part of all of God's servants. Could you not set aside a month or more each year for increased field activity in the auxiliary pioneer service? (Eph. 5:16) Hundreds of thousands of our brothers have tried it already. Can you also have a share?

Regular Pioneer Service—

An Invitation to Increased Happiness

[1] How do you respond to an invitation to participate in activity that brings enjoyment and refreshment? Likely it is with appreciation and eagerness. Jesus extended to his disciples a warm invitation to lasting happiness and refreshment. He said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, . . . and you will find refreshment for your souls." That yoke of Christian discipleship includes inviting still others to have a share in preaching the good news of the Kingdom. The regular pioneer service is an excellent avenue for increasing your share in this work and in the happiness and refreshment it brings. —Matt. 11:28-30; 28:19, 20.

[2] Since the 1979 service year, the average number of regular pioneers in the United States has increased by 214 percent! We have gone from an average of 14,219 regular pioneers in 1979 to an average of 44,664 during the 1986 service year. The current service year started out with 51,381 regular pioneers reporting, a 12.2-percent increase over the 1986 peak of 45,786 reporting in April. What is one message conveyed by this swelling throng of full-time workers? It is that an increasing number of Kingdom publishers are finding happiness and contentment by exerting themselves in Jehovah's service. Their enthusiasm has moved others to take a serious look at whether they also can adjust their affairs to become regular pioneers. Are you prayerfully considering this possibility?

WHO CAN PIONEER?

1 [3] A young brother who entered the regular pioneer service during his last year of high school reported: "I have never been as happy in my entire life." After starting to pioneer this past September, a mother of two young children commented: "I am happier now than I have ever been." Following the loss of her husband in death, another sister wrote: "I sincerely encourage anyone who possibly can to engage in the pioneer activity. It can only draw you closer to Jehovah and your congregation." How glad these individuals are that they responded to the invitation to enter regular pioneer service!

[4] We may easily convince ourselves that we cannot pioneer. But with prayerful effort, we can discern whether our circumstances will allow us to enter the regular pioneer ranks. One sister who now joyfully serves as a regular pioneer admitted that when she weighed her reasons for not being a regular pioneer against the reasons why she should, it became obvious that she should take up the pioneer service. She overcame her hesitancy and allowed her faith and love for Jehovah to prevail.—See Ecclesiastes 11:4.

[5] Are you nearing retirement, or are you retired already? If your health and circumstances permit you to become a regular pioneer, your life could take on added meaning and purpose. Then there are married couples who do not now have the responsibility of caring for children. If this is your situation, can you increase your happiness by entering the regular pioneer service?

[6] Those who pioneer before beginning to raise a family can later enjoy the advantage of being able to speak from experience when encouraging their children to consider pioneering as a goal to work toward. Some have even been able to continue to pioneer while raising a family. (Prov. 22:6) Over 60 percent of all regular pioneers in the United States are married brothers and sisters, a goodly number of whom have children and yet have arranged their circumstances to pioneer. What a positive spiritual atmosphere this generates in the home!

[7] Single persons make up about 40 percent of the total pioneers in the United States. Many of these do not have family responsibilities and have readily recognized the fine opportunity before them to make Jehovah's heart glad while increasing their own happiness by serving as regular pioneers.

[8] You may be nearing completion of your secular education. What will you do upon graduation? Jesus advised keeping a 'simple eye,' not letting material things and physical comforts become the big things in life. A good runner knows the wisdom of dispensing with anything that could weigh him down and interfere with his running a successful race. Likewise, your chances to succeed in winning Jehovah's favor and avoiding the world's entanglements stand to improve markedly when you keep busy in Jehovah's service. Pioneering strengthens your sense of devotion and provides you with incentive to be fully occupied with spiritual things. Therefore, if your circumstances permit it, should you not feel an obligation to be a regular pioneer? —Matt. 6:22; 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Tim. 6:7, 8.

[9] Our happiness now and on into the indefinite future springs from doing Jehovah's will. Jesus made this abundantly clear by what he taught and did. (John 4:34; Heb. 12:2) It is when we are busy inviting others to come and "take life's water free" that our own life is most satisfying. Can you increase your happiness by responding to this invitation to become a regular pioneer?—Rev. 22:17; Prov. 11:25.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **February**: Any of the following 192-page books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.* Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James, Holy Spirit,* and *Truth* may be ordered from the Society. Congregations may request credit for all books obtained by publishers and pioneers. The pioneer rate for the pocket-size books for this campaign is 30¢ each for regular and special pioneers. **March:** *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size edition is $1.25. **April and May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $4.00. If subscription is not taken, offer two magazines and a brochure for 70¢.
- On Saturday, May 9, 1987, the Brooklyn Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours or for congregations to pick up literature on that day.
- The Memorial celebration will be held Sunday, April 12, 1987. Although the talk may start earlier, please remember that the passing of the Memorial bread and wine *should not begin until after sundown.* Check with local sources to determine when sundown occurs in your area. Since no other meetings are to be conducted on that date, appropriate adjustments should be made according to local circumstances. If more than two congregations are using the same Kingdom Hall in areas where daylight saving time will be in effect, it may be necessary to arrange for alternate meeting places in order to avoid having some congregations hold their Memorial celebration very late at night. Circuit overseers will also adjust their schedule that week so that only the Memorial celebration will be scheduled for April 12.
- New Publications Available:
  The Bible (congregation, public, and pioneers: $2.65) —Gujarati, Punjabi
  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? (Small size) —French
  My Book of Bible Stories —Kinyarwanda, Maltese
  United in Worship of the Only True God —Icelandic
  Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace" —Korean
  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Large size) —Rarotongan, Silozi
  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Small size) —Dutch
  Aid to Bible Understanding
  (Volume 44, Spi-Tem) —Italian
  (Volume 45, Tem-Tro) —Italian
  (Volume 46, Tum-Vis) —Italian
  (Volume 47, Vis-Zuc) —Italian
  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Amharic, Batak Toba, Houailou, Nauruan, Tigrinya
  Examining the Scriptures Daily—1987 —Iloko, Tagalog
  School and Jehovah's Witnesses —Thai
  The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever —Slovenian
  The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Bulgarian, Igbo, Kisi, Turkish, Yoruba
  Kingdom News No. 33 —Greek
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —English
  Judges, Ruth (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  The First of Kings (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  The Second of Kings (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  The First of Chronicles (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  The Second of Chronicles (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  Job (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French, Japanese
  Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 1, *Genesis* to *Ruth* (set of 18 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —French
  Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 2, *First of Samuel* to *Psalms* (set of 21 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $33.25; pioneers: $21.50) —French

Preparing for and Conducting Home Bible Studies

[1] Jesus instructed his followers to preach the good news and to "make disciples." (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Conducting home Bible studies is a very effective means of making disciples. Since this important work is part of our worship, we should strive to do our very best when preparing for and conducting home Bible studies.

PREPARING FOR THE STUDY

[2] Preparing to conduct a home Bible study involves more than just reading the lesson and looking up cited scriptures. To reach the heart of our Bible student, we need to present the material in a way that will motivate him.

[3] First, we must have a clear understanding of the material ourselves. We need to know how all the scriptures apply to the paragraphs and to the Bible student. Underlining key words and phrases helps us to remember. We need to isolate the main ideas of the lesson and think about how to convey them to the student. Additionally, the student's level of Scriptural knowledge, areas in which he has had problems accepting certain matters, where he needs to improve his Christian personality, and so forth, must be considered. We can ask: 'How might the material and the scriptures in the lesson be used to help him make advancement?' At times additional research may be necessary. There is a need to prepare carefully if the student truly is to benefit.

[4] Prayer to Jehovah is an important part of preparation for a Bible study. Be specific in praying about the person and his needs. Ask Jehovah to help you reach his heart.—1 Cor. 3:6.

CONDUCTING THE STUDY

[5] Assisting a person in making the truth his own requires effort on our part. Covering the study material simply in an academic way may help the person to take in knowledge, but does he believe what he is learning? Help the student to see how the material affects him personally and what he should do with what he has learned.—Col. 3:10. TRue with

[6] Avoid the pitfall of allowing the discussion to drift onto subjects that are not directly related to the material being considered. These can be taken up after the study or at another time. It is also important to have the student answer in his own words rather than just read from the book. This will help you to determine whether he understands the material or not.

[7] A good teacher emphasizes key points so that the student will not miss them. Jesus did this with thought-provoking questions that went to the heart of matters. (Matt. 16:13-16; 17:24-27) Questions not only help you to be sure the student understands but also reveal what is in his heart. Jesus also used simple, uncomplicated illustrations to help his listeners think about what he was saying.—Matt. 13:31-33; 24:32, 33.

[8] Be sure to include the key scriptures in your review at the end of the study. Use questions that enable you to see how the student feels about what he has learned and that focus on how he can apply what he has learned. At the beginning of your next study, briefly review the main points again as needed.

[9] We are training people to be servants of Jehovah. This is both a privilege and a serious responsibility. Can you improve the quality of your teaching on home Bible studies? We should do our very best when preparing for and conducting home Bible studies.—1 Tim. 4:15, 16.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Making Return Visits

1 Experienced ministers have observed that meaningful return visits progressively stimulate and enhance growth toward becoming a believer. This feature of our ministry cannot be taken for granted. Preparation is the key to being effective. What are some practical suggestions to keep in mind? How can all of us, whether new or seasoned publishers, share in this Kingdom service?

2 Preparation for a return visit begins on the initial call. How so? Complete and accurate records must be kept of all interest shown. Take time to make a note of the name of the householder, the subject discussed, his response, and any placements made. It helps to be specific. So, before making each return visit, review your house-to-house record and give prayerful thought to what you will say.

3 For most of us, making return visits presents a challenge. However, this feature of the service need not be complicated. When return visits are purposeful, you will more effectively water the seeds of truth. (1 Cor. 3:6) When following up a magazine placement, you could point out that "Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom" is the stated purpose of *The Watchtower*. Ask the householder if he knows who Jehovah is, and after getting his response, take a moment to read a scripture such as Psalm 83:18. The call could be terminated after laying the groundwork for another visit, or if time permits, use the first question on page 149 of the *Reasoning* book on the subject "God" to continue the discussion. Or you could use the information under the subject "Jehovah" on pages 196-7. To pave the way for your next call, mention that many people have been taught to pray the Lord's Prayer, in which we ask for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done. Let the householder know that when you return you would like to direct his attention to some Bible texts that clearly explain what God's Kingdom is and what the earth will be like when God's will is done.

4 To follow up a literature placement, show the householder a point he may enjoy. Try to build on the subject previously discussed. If you are following up the current Topic for Conversation, you might say: "When I last spoke with you, we discussed the Bible's sure promise of peace. There is only one government that can bring earth-wide peace—God's Kingdom. Notice what the Bible itself says at Isaiah 9:6, 7. [Read.] Would you not enjoy life under such genuinely peaceful conditions? [Allow for response.] However, besides true peace, the Bible lists many specific blessings that God's Kingdom will bring for mankind." At this point you may be able to direct attention to a particular paragraph. For several visits thereafter, you could use the points under "Kingdom" on pages 225-34 of the *Reasoning* book.

5 Sharing in the return visit work helps us to 'glorify our ministry.' (Rom. 11:13) Why not set a personal goal of making at least one return visit each week? Follow the practical suggestions presented herein and seek the aid of those who are experienced in this aspect of the field service. By teaching others through well-prepared return visits, your ministry will be more meaningful, your joy will increase, and your faith will grow.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **French Guiana started the service year with a peak of 448 publishers, a 12-percent increase.**

◆ **Hong Kong reported a new peak of 1,446 publishers in September. They had a peak of 191 regular pioneers.**

◆ **Ireland reports a new peak of 2,532 publishers for the month of September. Congregation publishers averaged 12 hours in the field for the month.**

◆ **Luxembourg started the new service year with a peak of 1,295 publishers, a 4-percent increase.**

◆ **Mexico broke through the 200,000 mark with 200,300 publishers reporting activity in September, and 332,821 Bible studies were conducted during the month.**

Question Box

● Who should receive a copy of *Our Kingdom Ministry?*

Our Kingdom Ministry is designed to provide help and encouragement for those who share in the field ministry. Therefore, it is not for general distribution. All baptized publishers and approved associates should receive a copy. Those who regularly attend the Service Meeting and who are making progress toward sharing in the field ministry should also receive a copy. Be sure to reserve a copy for the Kingdom Hall library. Disfellowshipped persons should not be given a copy of *Our Kingdom Ministry.*

Some congregations have found it advantageous to make a list of all persons who qualify and then divide the list up according to Congregation Book Study groups. This list can be used by the study conductors to facilitate distribution, perhaps even typing or neatly writing each person's name on his copy. Each one who receives a copy of *Our Kingdom Ministry* should take care of it and use it in preparing for the Service Meeting and for field service. Many have found it helpful to keep a file of *Our Kingdom Ministry* in their personal theocratic library for future reference.

Reach Out *(Cont'd)*

house-to-house work each week? Is it your goal to become a more capable teacher on return visits and home Bible studies? Some in school have set a yearly goal of being an auxiliary pioneer during one or more vacation months.

6 What about goals for the near future? What do you want to accomplish in the next year or so and thereafter? Is it your goal to become a regular pioneer minister, a member of the Bethel family, or perhaps a missionary?

7 If you are a young brother, are you reaching out for the privilege of serving as a ministerial servant and someday becoming an elder? By setting definite goals and diligently working toward them, you can direct your life in a more useful way.

8 Remember that some congregation elders, circuit and district overseers, missionaries, and persons in Bethel service were at one time young people in the truth. But they reached out and grew in knowledge and in ability to serve God and their brothers. Their example of zeal and accomplishment should encourage you to make good use of the time you have during your youth.

9 Goals must be practical and set according to what you are able to accomplish. Everyone is different in makeup physically, mentally, and emotionally. There are also various stages of spiritual growth. Therefore, do not expect to accomplish something just because someone else does.

10 You can be sure that you make Jehovah happy when you reach out for spiritual goals. As you work toward and attain these goals, do so with a determination to give your best. It is worth all your effort and will result in rich blessings for you now and in the years to come.—Phil. 4:13.

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 2-8

Offering the *Live Forever* book

1. What points will you emphasize in the Topic for Conversation?
2. What points will you feature in the *Live Forever* book?

MARCH 9-15

Use of *Doing God's Will* brochure

1. What subjects have you found especially helpful on Bible studies?
2. How can the material help you in informal witnessing?

MARCH 16-22

Knowing your magazines

1. What points did you enjoy in the current issues?
2. What specific talking points could interest the householder?
3. Demonstrate 30- to 60-second presentation.

MARCH 23-29

Using the *Reasoning* book

1. Which introductions (pp. 9-15) have you found to be effective?
2. Which points from "Conversation Stoppers" (pp. 15-24) have you used effectively?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Peace on Earth a Sure Promise!

Ps. 46:8, 9—Only God can end war.

Ps. 72:7—Assurance of unending peace.

Publicly Declaring Our Hope

[1] Jesus is our model in declaring our Kingdom hope. He said: "I have spoken to the world publicly. I always taught in a synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret." (John 18:20) How can we imitate him?

[2] Like Jesus, we want to take advantage of every appropriate occasion to talk to people about the Kingdom and about our hope for the future. Paul urged: "Let us hold fast the public declaration of our hope without wavering." (Heb. 10:23) We do this because we want people to know about the goodness of Jehovah, who gives us our hope. We also do this because we want people to gain salvation.—Rom. 10:13, 14.

[3] The month of March brings us into the 1987 Memorial season, a time of increased theocratic activities for all of Jehovah's Witnesses. Many will be auxiliary pioneering. In addition to our regular public ministry offering the *Live Forever* book and starting home Bible studies, we will have in mind inviting people to hear the special public talk on the subject "What Is Your Relationship With God?" that will be given in most congregations on March 29. Also, there will be much to do in getting ready for the Memorial celebration on April 12.

EFFECT OF *LIVE FOREVER* BOOK

[4] The *Live Forever* book is one of the finest books we have ever had to help people understand the Bible. It provides help for effectively declaring our hope, and we should be enthused about using it during March. Thus far 30 million copies have been printed in 71 languages. How many will we be able to place with interested ones? It may help us if we thoughtfully make a list of the opportunities to place this fine publication.

[5] House-to-house work will no doubt be the main way we offer *Live Forever* books. Can you schedule more time during the month to share in this work? Our success in placing the *Live Forever* book may be determined to a great extent by our effectiveness in using the current Topic for Conversation and tying this theme in with the book. Is there something you can do to improve in this regard? Some will be able to have family practice sessions. What can those who conduct meetings for field service do to assist? Romans 12:8 urges such ones to preside "in real earnest."

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Preparation for a Special Occasion

[1] "Keep doing this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) Those words are of special significance to Jehovah's Witnesses. They were spoken by Jesus to his disciples when instituting the Lord's Evening Meal. This occasion is properly celebrated every year on Nisan 14. In 1987 the Memorial of Christ's death falls on Sunday, April 12. Are you making plans to be there?

PREPARATION NEEDED BY ALL

[2] Planning is necessary if we are to derive full benefit from this most sacred day. What plans should we make? First, we have to prepare ourselves mentally. An excellent aid in this is the special Bible reading for April 7-12, as noted on the 1987 calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses. All are urged to follow the reading schedule closely, taking time to meditate on these passages of Scripture. Doing so will help prepare our minds and hearts for this special occasion.

[3] Plan to arrive at the Kingdom Hall sufficiently in advance of the scheduled time of the meeting. This will enable you to welcome new ones. Last year the United States branch reported nearly one million more people present at the Memorial than there were out in the field ministry on an average each month of the 1986 service year. We may have many more in attendance this year, since the Memorial will be on a Sunday. Planning to be at the meeting early to greet new ones and others who do not attend meetings regularly may be just what is needed to prompt their further advancement.

[4] A special day of field service activity should be planned for that Sunday. Why not make plans NOW to spend time in the ministry? Many will be auxiliary pioneering in April, and this should provide for a greater witness on this special day. Make return visits on former Bible students, subscribers, and others who may come if you remind them. If some Bible students or other interested people will need transportation or someone to accompany them, do what you can to help. Plan to arrive early.

WHAT ELDERS SHOULD PLAN

[5] The body of elders will want to give attention to the many details of advance preparation. What do these include? Note the list in the box on page 3.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 1

Song 151

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Suggest points from the *Live Forever* book that can be used in field service this weekend. Show how these can be tied in with the Topic for Conversation. Congregations that have a supply of the tract *A United, Happy Family—What Is the Key?* will use these in the field during March.

20 min: "Publicly Declaring Our Hope." Discussion with audience participation. Emphasize importance of starting studies in *Live Forever* book. Interview someone in congregation whose interest was first aroused by study in *Live Forever* book. Mention what in book kindled the interest.

15 min: "Can You Auxiliary Pioneer?" Talk. Encourage all to give prayerful consideration to being an auxiliary pioneer. Give special encouragement to do so in April. Mention May and August as months that have five full weekends, and encourage all to determine if they could share one or more times in auxiliary pioneering this year.

Song 6 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING MARCH 8

Song 191

10 min: Local announcements. Give accounts report. Call attention to any contribution congregation gave to Society Kingdom Hall Fund and express Society's thanks for all such contributions that enable congregations in need to build Kingdom Halls. (If other contributions have been acknowledged on a Society statement, mention these too.) Outline field service arrangements, putting special emphasis on this Saturday's magazine activity.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using Features of the *Reasoning* Book." Questions and answers. In connection with paragraph 4, have a publisher demonstrate how to use the feature "If Someone Says—."

15 min: "Do You Have an Inquiring Mind?" Talk on article in February 1, 1987, issue of *The Watchtower*. Make local application of points in accord with needs of congregation.

Song 42 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 15

Song 166 CA

12 min: Local announcements. Encourage weekend activity offering *Live Forever* book. A selected recent brief experience placing the *Live Forever* book may be used. Remind brothers to invite all interested people to hear the special public talk "What Is Your Relationship With God?" to be given in most congregations on March 29. If the talk is to be given at a later date, make appropriate comments regarding local arrangements.

20 min: "Directing Interest to the Organization." Discussion with audience participation and demonstrations. One publisher can use the first point in paragraph 4 after the study. Then the same publisher can demonstrate the second example in paragraph 4.

13 min: Local needs. Unless there is a more pressing need, develop need in the field service called to congregation's attention by circuit overseer during last visit.

Song 113 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING MARCH 22

Song 105

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Have a demonstration of a magazine presentation that can be used in magazine work this Saturday. Encourage all to arrange to participate in field service this weekend.

20 min: "Preparation for a Special Occasion." Talk by presiding overseer. Announce time of Memorial and review local arrangements. Mention last year's attendance and whom especially we might invite in the days remaining.

15 min: Invite People to the Memorial Celebration. Service overseer to arrange demonstrations of how to invite people to Memorial. Have one publisher demonstrate inviting current Bible student who has not attended before. Stress importance we put on Memorial of Christ's death. Describe how the meeting is conducted, especially explaining that few, if any, partake of the emblems, stating this will be one of the main points explained by the speaker. Have another publisher demonstrate how to invite a close relative to the Memorial. Both demonstrations should use the invitations printed by the Society for this purpose. Service overseer should conclude by stressing that attendance at the Memorial has been just the spiritual uplift some have needed to make progress or to start having a Bible study. All should keep in mind that lives are involved. —1 Tim. 4:16. J

Song 205 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"*:

March 1: Paragraphs 20 to 31
March 8: Paragraphs 32 to 41
March 15: Paragraphs 42 to 50
March 22: Paragraphs 51 to 58 and 12 Review Questions

Declaring (*Cont'd*)

6 In what other circumstances might we place the *Live Forever* book? One truck driver offered the book to people he came in contact with during his travels. His presentation was simple. He showed people the book and explained that he had learned many wonderful things from it and that what he learned had actually changed his life. During a three-month period, he placed 200 *Live Forever* books through this informal method. A brother who worked at an airport placed 120 books simply by leaving a copy on his desk open to the illustration on pages 12 and 13. People who saw it took the initiative to ask for copies. What can you do to use the *Live Forever* book in publicly declaring your hope at work, in school, in your travels, or elsewhere?

BIBLE STUDIES IN *LIVE FOREVER* BOOK

7 One publisher who started three home Bible studies by following through on *Live Forever* book placements wrote the Society: "I cannot say 'Thank you' enough for making Bible studies easy to conduct as well as covering every essential aspect needed by the student for gaining a lasting and heartfelt appreciation for Jehovah and his organization." It is encouraging to note that our Bible studies in the United States have increased from a monthly average of 344,493 in 1982, the year we received the *Live Forever* book, to an average of 486,426 each month during the 1986 service year. This is an increase of 41 percent!

8 So let each of us pray for Jehovah's help so that we can seize every appropriate opportunity to declare our hope publicly. Seek ways to use the *Live Forever* book to assist others to take steps to share with us in publicly praising our God. Jehovah will bless our efforts.

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- The presiding overseer or someone assigned by him should audit the congregation accounts on March 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- If a divorce suit is filed against a Kingdom publisher, court decisions and materials on the right of Jehovah's Witnesses to have custody of their children may be obtained on request from the Society's Legal Department. Upon receiving this information, you may wish to reimburse the Society for mailing charges. The decisions and materials should be given to one's attorney *before* the case goes to court so that he may prepare to meet any issues that might arise. (Prov. 22:3) Please do not request this information unless a child-custody dispute is involved.
- The following is a correction of a district convention address listed in *The Watchtower* of February 1, 1987: DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Large size; small size) —Italian
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Fijian
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Large size) —Vietnamese

Directing Interest to the Organization

¹ Your own experience in the truth has no doubt made you aware of how much we need the congregation for our proper spiritual growth and stability in the faith. (Heb. 10:24, 25) So it follows that you should be deeply concerned with imparting to your Bible students not only a clear understanding of doctrinal matters but also a similar deep appreciation for the organization Jehovah is using. (Luke 6:40) Our new brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* can assist you in this.

² People who are studying need to appreciate that the structure and methods used by Jehovah's organization are rooted in the Scriptures. In order to progress, they must also see that they are gaining insight into Jehovah's ways, as reflected by his organization, and not just getting acquainted with another religion.

USE OF NEW BROCHURE

³ Early in the study arrangement, the student should be provided with a copy of the *Doing God's Will* brochure and be informed in advance as to what sections will be reviewed as part of his weekly lesson. Thus he can prepare for the study. As you prepare, give thought to the student's former or current religious affiliation so you can better show the contrast with Jehovah's Bible-based organization. Oftentimes a lesson in contrast will help make the distinction in the student's mind. Look up key cited texts, and use the review questions appearing at the end of most of the 15 sections of the brochure. In this way you will help the individual gain a clearer view of Jehovah's organization.

⁴ As an example, in covering the section "Congregations for Building Up in Love and Unity," you might ask the student how the religious leaders of his church are put in office and viewed. Then you could proceed to examine Scripturally how this contrasts with what is seen and done in Jehovah's organization. The same approach could be taken in covering the section on how the work is financed, beginning on page 28. This will help the student appreciate Jehovah's way and motivate him to respond favorably.

⁵ Keep in mind also that you do not have to cover all the material in any given section on just one study but, depending on its length, may spread it over several studies. Only five or ten minutes need be taken after *each* study, using the review questions pertinent to the portion of the material covered, as these highlight the main points.

⁶ Call attention to the pictures and illustrations that serve to impress the thoughts of the text on the mind of the student. Many of the pictures portray the international scope of Jehovah's organization and the unity that exists among God's people, without regard for race, social background, or nationality. Only such an organization can truly fulfill the commission Jesus gave to preach the good news worldwide.—Matt. 24:14.

⁷ People must choose between Jehovah's organization and Satan's. Their lives are involved. (Acts 26:18) We can help them make the right choice by fully utilizing the fine instruments Jehovah has given us to direct interest to *his organization.* We should plan on doing this at each Bible study. They can thus "pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, along with those who call upon the Lord out of a clean heart."—2 Tim. 2:22.

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Special Occasion

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⁶ No other congregation meeting should be held on the day of the Memorial. The elders should cancel the regular Public Meeting and arrange to study the *Watchtower* material for that Sunday either at the Congregation Book Study or on the Saturday before the Memorial. The regular Congregation Book Study material for the week may be studied partially the week before and partially the week following the Memorial. Since there has been a change in the law regarding daylight saving time, it would be good for all bodies of elders to review carefully the Society's letter dated September 15, 1986, regarding this matter. The elders should consult locally for information regarding the time of sunset on April 12. 7:30

⁷ The Memorial is a special occasion for all of us. It is a time to recount the love Jehovah showed for us by sending his Son to die as a ransom sacrifice, giving us the opportunity to come into a righteous standing with Jehovah. (John 3:16) We would not want to allow any activity either before or after the Memorial celebration to detract from this sacred occasion.

THINGS TO PREPARE

(See *w*85 2/15 p. 19)

1. Has the speaker been informed of the exact time and place of the celebration? Does he have transportation?
2. Who will provide the emblems? MAUDAS
3. Have arrangements been made for someone to bring a clean tablecloth and the required number of glasses and plates?
4. What arrangements have been made to clean the hall?
5. Who will meet with the attendants and servers before the Memorial to go over their duties? When? What will be the procedures to ensure that the audience, speaker, and servers are served efficiently?
6. What announcements will be made regarding the time(s) and location(s) of the meeting(s) for field service on the day of the Memorial?
7. Are arrangements complete to help older and infirm brothers and sisters? Are arrangements made to serve any of the anointed who may be confined and unable to attend?

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using Features of the *Reasoning* Book

1 The June 1, 1985, *Watchtower* promised that the "Integrity Keepers" Convention would provide "what will prove to be long-lasting assistance to reason with others from the Scriptures." That promise was fulfilled in a grand way with the release of the book *Reasoning From the Scriptures*. Now that nearly two years have passed, have we become more familiar with the book's outstanding features? Are we taking it with us in the field service, using it at every opportunity, and training newer and less experienced ones to use it?

2 To increase our effectiveness in using this fine publication, it will be beneficial to review some of the features of the book and consider how they can be used. Please note the section "How to Use *Reasoning From the Scriptures*" (p. 7). The first three paragraphs contain motivating material that reminds us to *reason* with people who have sincere questions or those who are willing to listen to a different point of view. (Acts 17:2, 3) The remaining paragraphs in this section provide a helpful step-by-step outline of how to use the book to the greatest advantage.

HANDLING OBJECTIONS

3 For example, suppose the householder makes the observation, "I believe there is good in all religions." Rather than using a thought or scripture that you have used in the past, often you will find it more tactful and more effective if you tell the householder that you would like to show him something interesting that you have on the subject. Draw the *Reasoning* book out of your briefcase and open it to the main heading "Religion" on page 322. As you quickly scan the boldfaced questions, you will notice the question on page 323, "Is it true that there is good in all religions?" as the one closely related to the householder's observation. You could read some of the comments directly from the book.

4 You could also have turned first to the end of the subject "Religion" (p. 330). There you will find the valuable feature "If Someone Says—." The comment on page 331, "All religions are good; you have yours, and I have mine," is closely related to what your householder has said. Then you could read appropriate points under this statement.

5 The *Reasoning* book may also help you learn to initiate conversations. Each week before you go into field service, try to review one or two points from the section "Introductions for Use in the Field Ministry" (p. 9). Use a variety of these introductions in the field service. Vary them according to the Topic for Conversation and the territory to be worked. In a short time you may find that you are more versatile and effective in starting conversations.

6 Have you ever felt ill at ease when a householder used a scripture and misapplied it? Remember, the *Reasoning* book might help with its feature on page 445, "Scriptures Often Misapplied." There page references are given for enlightening comments on 85 of the most commonly misapplied passages.

7 When those with whom we study ask Bible questions, we can help them find the answers with the aid of the *Reasoning* book. So if we place a copy of this book with each one, we can help equip them to answer many of their own questions, as well as questions that friends and relatives may ask them. We thank Jehovah for this beautiful treasure that can have such a tremendous impact on our activity in the field ministry. May we use it to the full to praise his glorious name.—Ps. 66: 2, 8.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Austria reached a new all-time peak this service year with 16,569 publishers in October. New peaks of 8,719 Bible studies and 607 regular pioneers were also reported.

◆ Burkina Faso reported a new peak of 325 total publishers for October. They are conducting 651 Bible studies, which averages out to two Bible studies per publisher.

◆ Colombia had new peaks of 29,786 publishers and 47,652 Bible studies during October. Congregation publishers averaged 12.6 hours in the field service.

◆ Kenya's new publisher peak for October was 3,900.

◆ The island of Saipan is happy to report a new peak of 43 publishers, a 34-percent increase over last year's average.

◆ Tanzania reported a new peak of 2,515 publishers for October. During that month over 17 percent of the publishers were pioneering.

◆ Uruguay reports their first peak of publishers this service year with 5,949 in October. Congregation publishers averaged 12.6 hours in the field service.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	279	129.4	86.2	54.8	6.0
Pios.	52,244	82.2	40.0	28.9	2.9
Aux. Pios.	28,114	58.9	28.6	17.3	1.5
Pubs.	645,309	9.5	6.6	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	725,946				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,962

Can You Auxiliary Pioneer?

1 *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry,* page 114, states: "Whatever your personal circumstances, if you are baptized, are of good moral standing, can arrange to meet the requirement of spending 60 hours a month in the field ministry and believe you could serve one or more months as an auxiliary pioneer, the congregation elders will be pleased to consider your application for this privilege of service." So the auxiliary pioneer service is within the reach of most baptized publishers at some time during the year. Can you make room for this privilege?

2 Do not be quick to rule out the possibility of your serving. Old and young—some with good health and others with poor health—have joyfully shared in the auxiliary pioneer work for one or more months. It takes sacrifice and exertion, but the blessings to be received make it worth while.—Luke 13:24; 1 Cor. 9:16.

3 It is helpful to outline a practical schedule that fits your circumstances and allows you to average at least two hours in service each day. Be sure to take the matter to Jehovah in prayer, and do not hesitate to invite others to work along with you. All of this will help you to meet the 60-hour requirement.

4 To apply, you can request an application from the presiding overseer of your congregation. This should be done well in advance of the time you wish to serve. If the Congregation Service Committee approves your application, your appointment will be announced to the congregation. This will alert others to the opportunity of working with you as their circumstances permit, and your example can encourage them. We heartily invite you to join the many that share regularly in the auxiliary pioneer work.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 30–APRIL 5

With Topic for Conversation

1. What introduction will you use?
2. What do John 17:26 and Psalm 83:18 highlight?

APRIL 6-12

With the magazines

1. What points will you highlight in current magazines?
2. What information from title page can be highlighted?

APRIL 13-19

Offering subscriptions

1. Why is a positive approach necessary?
2. To whom can we offer subscriptions?

APRIL 20-26

What would you say if

1. Someone says he does not believe in God? (*rs* pp. 145, 150)
2. Householder believes all religions lead to God? (*rs* p. 149)

APRIL 27–MAY 3

What would you say if

1. Someone says it is not important to use God's name? (*rs* pp. 149, 196)
2. The person's Bible does not use the name Jehovah? (*rs* pp. 193-4)

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Who Is God?

John 17:26—Why Jesus made known God's name.

Ps. 83:18—What God's name is.

Feature *The Watchtower* During April

[1] When *The Watchtower* first appeared in July 1879, only 6,000 copies were printed once a month in just one language. Now, 107 years later, over 12 million copies of each issue are printed, most of them semimonthly, in 103 languages. Such growth gives evidence of Jehovah's approval of this instrument that he is using for making known the truth regarding his Kingdom.

[2] Whether you have been reading *The Watchtower* for a relatively short time or you have read it for many years, we are confident that you appreciate the spiritual benefits received. *The Watchtower* has brought you a Scriptural hope. It has strengthened your trust in the Kingdom of God as the only means by which lasting peace will come to our earth. It has alerted you to the dangers of these critical times that mark "the last days." (2 Tim. 3:1-5) Its pages have helped you to receive "comfort from the Scriptures" and reliable guidance based on God's Word, the Bible. (Rom. 15:4; Ps. 119:105) While reflecting on these and other benefits, are you not moved to tell others about the value of *The Watchtower?* During April, a one-year subscription will be offered for a contribution of just $4.00.

BE POSITIVE IN YOUR OUTLOOK

[3] God's wisdom and not human reasoning is stressed in *The Watchtower*. Such wisdom is desperately needed by everyone today. It can improve lives and help develop right motives. This is necessary in order to "keep living." (Prov. 9:1-6) Being thus convinced, we will offer the subscription with a positive attitude, recognizing that we have what others need. Carefully go over each issue to find statements that you believe may be helpful to householders. Such advance preparation will aid you in reflecting a positive spirit when presenting these magazines in the ministry.

[4] The cost of *The Watchtower* is minimal when compared with the value in benefits to the reader. So confidently present the subscription at every opportunity. Some publishers may wish to offer *Awake!* subscriptions along with *The Watchtower*. A one-year subscription to both magazines is $8.00, a small cost compared with that of many worldly publications.

THE WATCHTOWER HELPS MAKE DISCIPLES

[5] Be determined to follow up all placements and endeavor to develop the interest shown. Some brothers work up magazine routes with those who take single issues of the magazines. If a person reads a copy of *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*, he may become interested. So call back and present the next issues, highlighting

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Participating in the Ministry Each Week Brings Increased Joy

[1] "We cannot stop speaking about the things we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) This expression of the apostles Peter and John revealed that the preaching of the good news was an essential part of their lives. Concerning all the apostles, the Bible account tells us that "every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup teaching and declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus."—Acts 5:42.

[2] This constancy in sharing the good news was also characteristic of the apostle Paul, who "would give a talk in the synagogue every sabbath and would persuade Jews and Greeks." (Acts 18:4) Even as a prisoner confined to his own house under guard, he would regularly preach and teach the good news of the Kingdom.—Acts 28:30, 31.

[3] Regularly sharing the good news brought many blessings and joys to our brothers in the first century. Some who were considered unlettered and ordinary acquired boldness and skill as they imitated Jesus in their speaking. (Acts 4:13) What a joy it must have been to know that their teaching brought salvation to many honesthearted ones!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WEEKLY SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

[4] A schedule for witnessing regularly each week can help you to enjoy such blessings. Our calendar specifies the first Sunday of each month as well as the second and fourth Saturdays as special days for the field ministry. Do you follow this schedule? By doing so and adding one more weekend, you would enjoy weekly participation in the field service. Many have arranged their affairs to share in service at least every weekend. Congregations arrange meetings for field service every Saturday and Sunday. Many of them have midweek arrangements as well.

[5] If you are not sharing regularly in the ministry on the first Sunday and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 29

Song 49

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to support field service arrangements on first Sunday in April. There is still time to submit an application for auxiliary pioneer service during April. Encourage distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 33, *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (Note *km* 1/87 pp. 7-8.) Briefly review how to fill out subscription forms. (Note 9/85 letter "How to Handle Subscriptions Properly" [S-11].)

15 min: "Feature *The Watchtower* During April." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Encourage all to have positive attitude in offering subscriptions.

15 min: New Topic for Conversation. Discussion and demonstration. Review presentation and illustrate how articles "God—Is He a Real Person?" and "God's Wisdom—Can You See It?" from the April 1 and 15 issues can be tied in with theme. Assign qualified pioneer or publisher to give presentation, offering *Watchtower* subscription. For additional field points, refer congregation to section on "God" in *Reasoning* book, pages 145-51.

5 min: Talk. Encourage publishers to make list of relatives and interested persons they will yet personally invite to the Memorial. May use information under "Memorial" on pages 266-9 of the *Reasoning* book when inviting others. Announce what arrangements have been made for the *Watchtower* Study during week of Memorial.

Song 112 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 5

Song 16

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to support magazine day on Saturday, April 11, as well as special arrangements for field service on Sunday. Review one or two articles in current issue of *Awake!* that could be featured. Suggest all bring new *Index* to Service Meeting next week.

20 min: "Participating in the Ministry Each Week Brings Increased Joy." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Emphasize value of personal schedule and use of calendar provided by Society.

15 min: Service overseer interviews several auxiliary pioneers. What motivated them to auxiliary pioneer during April? How have they organized their personal and household affairs in order to devote 60 hours to the ministry? How have other family members cooperated? What benefits have they received? Highlight joy that comes from pioneer ministry. Encourage all in congregation to support pioneers in the field during month. Mention that May has five full weekends and would be a good month to auxiliary pioneer.

Song 19 and concluding prayer.

RJ
LA

WEEK STARTING APRIL 12

Song 46 TR

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Accounts report. Mention Society's acknowledgment of any contribution appearing on monthly statement.

KW

15 min: Make Good Use of Watch Tower Publications. Talk. Highlight practical references provided on subjects such as "Ministry" or "Medical Treatment" in *Watch Tower Publications Index*. Emphasize how new *Index* is valuable in finding answers to questions, doing research, preparing talks, and so forth. Highlight points on pages 5 and 6. Where new *Index* is not available, explain and demonstrate use of available indexes and/or table of contents and scripture and subject indexes in individual publications. Encourage all to make good use of Society's publications in finding answers to Bible questions. Do personal research; seek direction from elders when necessary. Only as last resort write Society. (Note *km* 5/83 p. 8.)

ES

20 min: "Prepare Students to Share in the Ministry." Question-and-answer consideration of article handled by secretary. Highlight need for publisher conducting Bible study to determine when student is ready to participate in field ministry.

Song 121 and concluding prayer.

Al W
KW

WEEK STARTING APRIL 19

Song 204

DS

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Encourage all to participate in magazine work on Saturday, April 25. Follow through in assisting interested persons who recently attended Memorial to support congregation meetings regularly.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—In an Effective and Orderly Manner." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 4, have brief demonstration of brother showing new publisher how to keep house-to-house record and explaining need to take good care of territory map card so that it does not become misplaced or damaged.

15 min: Personally Benefiting From Reading *The Watchtower*. Qualified brother interviews two or three publishers who have been subscribers for many years and who are good examples in congregation. ① How many years have they personally read *The Watchtower*? ② How has this publication aided them spiritually? ③ What features do they especially enjoy? ④ How do they feel about offering *The Watchtower* on a subscription basis?

Song 92 and concluding prayer.

JM
PM

WEEK STARTING APRIL 26

Song 43

15 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to offer subscription on first Sunday and all during May. Review talking points from May 1 and 15 issues on subjects "Do All Prophecies Come From God?" and "What Has God Done for You?" Review information in Question Box.

15 min: "Teaching With Illustrations." Talk by school overseer based on March 15, 1987, *Watchtower*, page 8. Include points from *School Guidebook*, study 34, pages 168-71 as time allows.

15 min: Local needs or review highlights from most recent visit of circuit overseer, emphasizing one or two points congregation is to work on.

Song 211 and concluding prayer.

Feature *The Watchtower* (*Cont'd*)

a specific article that you feel would interest him. After reading a few issues, he may wish to subscribe. Subscribers also can benefit from your calling back to help them search out valuable points in the magazines.

[6] Featuring *The Watchtower* during April should bring us joyful satisfaction. Having benefited from the magazine ourselves, we can confidently present it to others. By encouraging them to subscribe and read these valuable magazines, we can help them to take their stand on Jehovah's side.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **April and May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $4.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. Where subscriptions are not obtained, two magazines and a brochure can be offered for 70¢. **June:** Any combination of five 32-page booklets on a contribution of 25¢. With a view to starting home Bible studies, one of the following booklets should be included in the combination: *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It, Is There a God Who Cares?, There Is Much More to Life!,* or another booklet appropriate to the territory. Try to place all older stock.
- District convention badge cards for 1987 in English and Spanish will be consigned and included with April literature shipments. It will not be necessary to order these. Based on the size of each congregation, consignments in lots of 25 will be made, and the literature account will be billed at the rate of two cents per card.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References* (*Rbi8*) —Spanish
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding,* Volume 7 (Pau-Sin) —German
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Large size) —Armenian
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Armenian, Cibemba, Ewe, Ga, Twi
  - *School and Jehovah's Witnesses* —Arabic
  - *The Time for True Submission to God* —Arabic
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Genesis* (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —Danish
  - *Exodus* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Danish
  - *The First of Samuel* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  - *The Second of Samuel* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  - *Numbers* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Italian
  - *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Japanese
- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* (four volumes) in vinyl binders for purchase only: $32.00.
  - *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"* (four volumes) may be requested on loan or purchased for $5.00.
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* (one volume) may be requested on loan or purchased for $1.00. (Also available in grade-one Spanish and French Braille.)
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (one volume) may be requested on loan or purchased for $1.00. (Also available in grade-one Spanish and French Braille.)

As a reminder, *The Watchtower* is available in grade-two English Braille. One year semimonthly subscription is $6.00.

To obtain Braille publications, please send in a separate order. Include the remittance, if purchased, and the name and address of the person that will use them. Mark your order: ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK.

Prepare Students to Share in the Ministry

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45 BKLTS
Rv 4.5

[1] During the past service year in the United States, an average of 486,426 home Bible studies were conducted each month. Many new ones are making spiritual progress by taking in knowledge of Jehovah and associating with the organization. They are making the needed adjustments in their personal lives, and eventually we want them to make public declaration of their faith by joining with us in the preaching and disciple-making work. —Rom. 10:10.

[2] From the time you start a Bible study, you may be able to encourage the student to speak to others about what he is learning. Suggest that he talk with relatives, neighbors, work associates, and others on an informal basis. As you inculcate the truth into his heart and mind, he should be motivated to do this. Highlight the importance of the preaching and disciple-making work as emphasized by Jesus and his disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Relate positive field service experiences that you and others have had as well as those recorded in the *Yearbook* and other publications of the Society.

DETERMINING IF STUDENT QUALIFIES

[3] At the appropriate time and in keeping with the student's advancement, invite him to share in the organized field service of the congregation. Remember that as the one conducting the study it is your responsibility to determine if the student is qualified before inviting him to accompany you in the field service. He must have already brought his life into harmony with Jehovah's righteous standards. Factors that should be considered are outlined on pages 98-9 of the *Our Ministry* book.

[4] There is no need to pry into the student's personal life by asking embarrassing questions. However, as you progressively come to know the student, you can observe whether he is living in harmony with the information that he has learned. If there are questions about certain aspects of his personal life, you may simply have the student read appropriate Bible texts and then express himself as to his understanding of the application or meaning. Often this will enable you to see whether he has sufficient knowledge of the truth and comprehends what is required of one who engages in the ministry. When you are convinced that he sincerely desires to identify himself with the organization of Jehovah's Witnesses and qualifies to do so, you can invite him to accompany you in the field ministry. Prepare for the field ministry together, and progressively help the student to participate.

ASSISTANCE FROM ELDERS

[5] When a new person turns in his first field service report, additional steps must be taken to make sure that the individual qualifies to be counted as a publisher and thus become recognized as an approved associate. On the basis of the student's first field service report, the secretary or another member of the Congregation Service Committee will discuss the student's progress with the publisher who is studying with him. Thereafter it would be good for the publisher to be present when the elder has a talk with the individual who submitted his first field service report. After commending the new one for the progress he is making, the elders will kindly explain all that is involved in being counted as a publisher. If the student qualifies as an approved associate, he will be informed that a Congregation's Publisher Record card will be made out in his name and be included in the congregation's file.—See *om* pp. 105-6.

[6] As we study doctrinal truths with Bible students and direct them to the organization, let us also encourage and prepare them to share the good news with others. In time, with Jehovah's blessing, they will qualify to become regular proclaimers of the good news.

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	268	130.0	84.4	56.7	6.1
Pios.	52,671	80.8	37.8	29.1	3.0
Aux. Pios.	26,422	58.5	27.1	18.1	1.6
Pubs.	655,256	9.3	6.2	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	734,617				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,377

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In an Effective and Orderly Manner

¹ Jesus instructed his disciples: "Into whatever city or village you enter, search out who in it is deserving." (Matt. 10:11) Today, we follow a similar procedure, expending much effort and millions of hours in searching out those who desire to listen. How is it possible for us to present the Kingdom message worldwide in an orderly manner?

² Congregations receive assignments of territory, whether in city or in rural areas, from the branch office. (1 Cor. 14:40) This is consistent with the pattern that existed in the first-century Christian congregation. (2 Cor. 10:13; Gal. 2:9) Having well-defined territory assignments is essential if the Kingdom work is to be cared for in an effective and orderly manner.

BALANCED COVERAGE

³ The overall arrangement for working congregation territory comes under the supervision of the service overseer. However, a ministerial servant may do the actual assigning of the territory. He should review the records periodically and note territories that have not been worked for some time. He will let those requesting a territory know which ones need to be covered and will keep a meaningful record of the work that is being done. Our goal is to work all territories at least once each year. Every time a territory is covered, the brother who cares for the territory records should be notified by the one holding the territory.

⁴ What else is involved in thoroughly working the congregation's territory in an effective and orderly manner? We want to reach as many people as possible. Can you present the good news to someone in each house in the territory that you work? Good house-to-house records need to be kept so that further attempts can be made to talk with those who were either not at home or busy on the initial call. It may be that some in your territory will have to be reached by letter, telephone, or other means, such as street witnessing. (See *km* 9/76 p. 8; *km* 11/85 pp. 5-6; *km* 3/84 p. 5; *km* 4/84 p. 3.) The service overseer and Congregation Book Study conductors will offer suggestions in accord with local conditions and individual circumstances.

⁵ Because we are sincerely interested in helping all those living in our territory to hear the Kingdom message, we should be determined to call repeatedly, using a variety of approaches along with designated literature and magazine offers. As we find interest, we want to follow through in developing it.

⁶ Genuine love for Jehovah and for our fellowman should motivate us to work closely with the service overseer and Congregation Book Study conductors so as to care well for the part of the field that has been entrusted to our care. Jehovah will bless our sincere effort to present the good news in an effective and orderly manner.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"*:

March 29: Chapter 1
April 5: Chapter 2
April 12: Chapter 3
April 19: Chapter 4
April 26: Chapter 5

Question Box

● When can a new Bible study be reported, and with whom may studies be counted?

A new home Bible study may be reported as such when it has been conducted two times after the call on which the study arrangement was demonstrated and there is reason to believe that the study will continue. A Study Report form should be made out and turned in each month.

A return visit and the time spent are counted each time a home Bible study is conducted. If circumstances require that another publisher accompany the one who conducts the study, and if both share in the study in a meaningful way, both may count the time. However, only the conductor of the study will report the return visit and the Bible study. Ordinarily it should not be necessary for more than two publishers to be involved in teaching at a home Bible study.

Home Bible studies should be continued with new persons until they have completed studying the two books that will establish them in the truth, such as *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* and *United in Worship of the Only True God.* The study, return visits, and service time may be reported until completion of these two publications even if the person gets baptized before finishing both books.

At times an elder on the Congregation Service Committee may request a publisher to conduct a home Bible study with someone who is already baptized but who has become inactive. This is in keeping with the Society's arrangement to build up such ones who desire help. In such a case, the study may be reported along with the related return visits and field service time.—Note *om* pp. 103-4.

Parents are responsible before Jehovah to instruct and train their own children in right worship. (Deut. 4:9; Eph. 6:4) A regularly conducted family Bible study is most beneficial in this regard. A family head or parent may report a regularly conducted family Bible study if nonbaptized members are included. Up to one hour of service time and a return visit may also be counted each week that the study is conducted.—See *km* 6/83 p. 4.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) saw a new peak of 2,388 publishers in November. With an average of about two Bible studies per publisher, further increases no doubt will be seen.**

◆ **El Salvador's new publisher peak for November was 15,141, a 5-percent increase over the same month one year ago.**

◆ **Switzerland reported several new peaks for November, with 13,999 publishers, 88,265 return visits, and 8,838 Bible studies.**

Increased Joy *(Cont'd)*

the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, why not set this as a goal to strive for as you endeavor to have a share in the ministry each week? Your book study conductor will be happy to provide the help you need to develop a practical schedule that conforms to your personal circumstances. Remember, the good news "has to be preached" in all the nations. (Mark 13:10) So why not prayerfully consider the suggestions here given in order that you, too, may have a share each week in this important work?

BLESSINGS YOU CAN ENJOY

⁶ It may be that you are not able to share the good news to the extent that pioneers do. However, if you do so regularly each week, your ministry will be more effective and your enjoyment will increase proportionately. When the 70 were sent out by Jesus, they "returned with joy," telling of their experiences. (Luke 10:17) Even under difficult circumstances, frequent participation in the preaching work will increase your joy.

⁷ All are encouraged to schedule time to share the good news with others each week. As you do so, your skills as a teacher will improve and your joy will increase, all to the glory and honor of Jehovah.

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 4-10

How does Hebrews 13:15, 16 encourage us to

1. Offer a *Watchtower* subscription?
2. Start a study with *"Look!"* brochure?

MAY 11-17

What points can less experienced ones use in

1. Presenting the magazines?
2. Presenting the current offer?

MAY 18-24

How would you make a return visit

1. On a magazine placement?
2. On a Memorial attender?
3. Where previous call was brief or interrupted?

MAY 25-31

What opportunities are there to witness

1. While traveling to a convention?
2. While in a convention city?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Who Is God?

John 17:26—Why Jesus made known God's name.

Ps. 83:18—What God's name is.

Maintaining Joy in Our Ministry

1 What incomparable joy is to be found in serving Jehovah God! It is just as he said long ago through the prophet Isaiah: "Look! My own servants will rejoice . . . Look! My own servants will cry out joyfully." (Isa. 65:13, 14) Why do Jehovah's people rejoice and cry out joyfully today? Because of their spiritual prosperity as they dwell in a spiritual paradise. This joy moves them to share in the all-important work of helping others come to know Jehovah and share in his goodness.

2 Learning about present-day increases as set forth in the *Yearbook* brings us much joy. The same was true of Jesus' disciples in the first century. News of Jehovah's blessings upon the preaching work was a source of encouragement. (Acts 15:3, 4) As the ingathering speeds up today, we are encouraged to keep busy in the ministry. Why is the month of May a very favorable time to do that? The weather is usually mild and this year May has five weekends, so many will find it an ideal time to auxiliary pioneer.

BE CONVINCED

3 Heartfelt conviction motivates us to speak to others about our hope. (Luke 6:45) It helps us even in territory that may seem unproductive. We need to persevere, relying fully on Jehovah just as David did, who said: "O Jehovah, may you open these lips of mine."—Ps. 51:15; 63:5.

4 Such conviction is the product of strong faith, genuine hope, and Christian love. (1 Cor. 13:13) These qualities are cultivated through diligent personal study, application of what we learn, and perseverance in prayer. (Rom. 12:12) With Jehovah's loving help, a positive attitude toward our service can be developed and maintained. In this way our joy in the ministry is sustained.

5 May is the second month of the *Watchtower* subscription offer. Each issue of *The Watchtower* contains lifesaving information. We benefit from the spiritual food it contains and so will others if they receive and read this magazine regularly. By having a subscription, each issue will be available in their home. With our neighbors' welfare in mind, we want to take advantage of every opportunity to offer the subscription. If the householder is busy, a brief presentation of the subscription offer may be made. If refused, offer the current magazines.

6 We know that doing Jehovah's work brings eternal joy not only to us but also to those who listen and act on what they hear. (Phil. 4:4) As the good news of the Kingdom reaches the hearts of many other righteously inclined individuals, may we continue to rejoice in Jehovah, and may Jehovah's blessing be on our efforts in the ministry.—Ps. 32:11.

Responding to Jehovah's Love During Youth

1 Do you young ones in the congregation see the abundant evidence of Jehovah's great love that surrounds you? Are you responding to that love in a way that is pleasing to him? How can you do that?

2 Most of you have loving parents who at great sacrifice to themselves have provided for you materially, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally so as to assure your getting a good start in life. Truly, this is a rich blessing from Jehovah. Additionally, through his organization, he has made available a number of publications and magazine articles designed especially for you, to help you get on in life and be able to cope with everyday cares. If you have taken advantage of these provisions, you are also well equipped to face difficult situations that confound today's youth. Do you view all of this as evidence of God's love for you?—1 John 4:8, 19.

3 Jehovah has made the Bible available to all of us, whether old or young in years. And the ransom benefit he has provided through his Son Jesus Christ applies to young ones who exercise faith just as it does to faithful older ones. The Kingdom hope is yours, along with its promise of a paradise earth, where you can be free from troublesome anxieties that overwhelm so many of today's young people who have not come to know Jehovah.

4 Does it not warm your heart toward Jehovah just to know that he has done so much for you even without your asking? (Rom. 5:8) But beyond just holding an inward feeling of gratitude, how can you respond to Jehovah's love in a practical way?

SHOW HOW YOU FEEL BY ACTION

5 You can do things to make the truth your own. For example, you can make it your goal to read the entire Bible in a year. You can do this by determinedly reading four or five pages a day. Learn how to use the *Index* to find answers to your questions. Research and good study habits will contribute to your spiritual

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 3

Song 20 AF

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Encourage support of magazine work on Saturday, May 9.

15 min: "Maintaining Joy in Our Ministry." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Feature two demonstrations when considering paragraph 5. In the first demonstration, use current Topic for Conversation and offer the *Watchtower* subscription, which the householder accepts. In the second demonstration, the householder interrupts by saying: "I'm busy." Publisher then uses a suggested response from the *Reasoning* book under "Conversation Stoppers" and makes offer of current magazines, featuring a specific article.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Starting Home Bible Studies." Questions and answers. In paragraph 3, present demonstration showing a publisher asking a pioneer or other experienced publisher for assistance in starting a Bible study. Show how to prepare by using *"Look!"* brochure. After demonstration, chairman points out that each householder is different and has specific needs and interests. Stress importance of advance study and prayer. In paragraph 5, show the same publishers making a return visit and starting a study using paragraphs 1-4 of the *"Look!"* brochure.

Song 126 and concluding prayer.

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DW

WEEK STARTING MAY 10

Song 157 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Announce Society's acknowledgment of any contribution sent in during April. Theocratic News. JR

18 min: "Responding to Jehovah's Love During Youth." Question-and-answer discussion. May interview exemplary young publisher who has auxiliary pioneered in the past or who plans to do so on school vacation. JM

10 min: What Youths Are Doing in Jehovah's Organization. Under direction of an elder or well-qualified ministerial servant, have interviews with or brief reports by well-trained youths on how young Witnesses around the world are making a fine contribution to the Kingdom proclamation. Could include local experiences along with some of those on pages 12-13, 41-2, 51, and 57-8 of the *1987 Yearbook*.

7 min: Discussion of Question Box by elder. AW

Song 164 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING MAY 17

Song 93 BB

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday. Announce plans for holiday witnessing. Read "A Fine Expression of Brotherly Love." Warmly commend brothers for local response and mention the continuing urgent need for Kingdom Halls. ES

15 min: "Help New Ones to Make Spiritual Advancement." Questions and answers. In discussing paragraph 2, include brief demonstration showing how to encourage newly interested one to attend district convention. Using pages 18 and 19 of *Doing God's Will* brochure, publisher invites new one to accompany him and his family.

20 min: "1987 'Trust in Jehovah' District Convention"—Part One. D Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 1-16. Highlight importance of everyone's gaining utmost benefit from convention program.

Song 116 and concluding prayer.

LA
Warren

WEEK STARTING MAY 24

Song 214 JT

8 min: Local announcements. Inform congregation of older booklets available for June offer. Encourage all to pick up supplies this week. Give brief presentation of booklets, using current Topic for Conversation if time permits.

17 min: "Following Bible Principles—The Superior Way." R Talk by elder based on article in February 1, 1987, *Watchtower*. Give particular emphasis to material under heading "Subjection—How Far?"

20 min: "1987 'Trust in Jehovah' District Convention"—Part Two. J Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 17-29. Emphasize that good conduct and dress are expected of all in congregation. If any particular problems have been noted locally, may wish to comment on these. As time permits, discuss "District Convention Reminders" that would apply. To be handled by presiding overseer.

Song 212 and concluding prayer.

Jehovah's Love (*Cont'd*)

progress. (Prov. 2:2-4; 1 Tim. 4:15) Take the initiative to prepare for meetings and be prepared to comment. At meetings and conventions, take notes of main points and later discuss these with others. By such earnest efforts, you manifest genuine appreciation for what has been done for you, and you will grow spiritually.—2 Pet. 1:5-8.

6 There are also things you can do to help the congregation. Helping older or infirm brothers in practical ways is a fine response to Jehovah's love. Have you thought about making a regular contribution to cover Kingdom Hall expenses? Just reading Mark 12:41-44 will help you see that a small contribution from one with little means is much appreciated by Jehovah God and his Son. Volunteer your service when there is a need to clean the Kingdom Hall and its surroundings. There may be opportunities to work at conventions and circuit assemblies if there is a need.

June

HELPING OTHERS SPIRITUALLY

7 The apostle Paul responded to Jehovah's love by going out of his way to help others spiritually. Even though you are young, you can do the same by progressively improving your ability and increasing the time you devote to the ministry. Do you have a personal goal of hours each week or month? Many young publishers have been able to conduct Bible studies with schoolmates or others. Perhaps you, too, can do this if you ask for Jehovah's help and courageously put forth the effort. If you are baptized, auxiliary pioneering offers you a fine opportunity to help others spiritually during your school vacations. Can you encourage others to work with you in the auxiliary pioneer work?

8 Christians are warned against accepting God's undeserved kindness and missing its purpose. (2 Cor. 6:1) May your response to Jehovah's love prove that you appreciate what he has done for you. If you remember your Grand Creator during your youth, you can be sure of benefiting from his love for all eternity.—Eccl. 12:1.

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1987 "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention

1 How superbly the 1987 convention theme describes the feelings of Jehovah's Witnesses! "Trust in Jehovah" is more than just a theme to us; it reflects our deepest convictions. Many people in the world trust in human wisdom and accomplishments; foolishly they put confidence in themselves and their ability to survive. (Ps. 49:6, 7, 10; Prov. 18:11) In contrast, we trust in Jehovah, the Supreme One of the universe, to fulfill his promises toward obedient mankind. We are convinced that he will provide for all our needs and protect us from lasting harm when Satan's system comes to its end. Would you not agree that "Trust in Jehovah" is a most fitting theme for our 1987 district convention series? We can show that we appreciate this spiritual provision in our behalf by being in attendance for the entire three-day convention.

2 By now your plans should be nearly complete as to transportation and accommodations. As announced in the February 1, 1987, *Watchtower,* there are 123 conventions scheduled for the United States. Since the convention for 1987 will be for three days instead of four as in previous years, each day will have a full schedule. The program will include talks, demonstrations, and dramas. There will be no arrangement for field service during the convention this year.

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3 With the convention being three full days, it will likely be easier for all to attend. Have you approached your employer, if it is necessary, to request time off so that you can be in attendance all three days? The entire program, from the opening music on Friday at 10:20 a.m. to the closing prayer Sunday at approximately 4:00 p.m., will be filled with a wealth of practical, faith-strengthening spiritual instruction and encouragement that we cannot afford to miss.

4 **THE PROGRAM**: Each day will have its own Scriptural theme relating to the overall theme of the convention—"Trust in Jehovah." Information will be presented on pioneering, spreading the good news at every opportunity, children and youths, and loyal submission to Jehovah. On Saturday the importance of diligent study and of exerting ourselves in the field ministry will be highlighted. Also, elders will be assisted with timely counsel.

5 **BAPTISM**: At most conventions, the talk on baptism will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. It will be encouraging to hear the baptism talk and observe the candidates making public declaration that they also now fully trust in Jehovah. Even though the discourse is tailored especially for those who are going to be baptized in symbol of their dedication, we can all benefit by listening carefully and reflecting on our own relationship with Jehovah, no matter how long we have been in the truth.

6 Those planning to be baptized at one of the district conventions should be sure to inform the presiding overseer well before the convention so that there will be ample time to review the questions in the *Our Ministry* book. The June 1, 1985, *Watchtower,* page 30, gave this counsel about proper attire for those being baptized: "Certainly modesty should prevail in the type of bathing suit used. This is important today when fashion designers seem to want to flaunt sexuality and achieve almost total nudity. Another factor to take into account is that some suits that appear modest when dry are less than that when wet. No one getting baptized would want to be a cause for distraction or stumbling at an event as serious as baptism." (Phil. 1:10) This would apply to brothers as well as sisters.

7 Baptism candidates should endeavor to be in their seats in the designated section before the program begins Saturday morning. After the baptism talk you will be asked to stand during the singing of the closing song. After the third verse has been sung, the attendants will direct the baptism candidates to the immersion site or to vehicles that will take them there.

8 **TAUGHT BY JEHOVAH**: It was prophesied: "And all your sons will be persons *taught* by Jehovah, and the peace of your sons will be abundant." (Isa. 54:13) Those words were addressed to Jehovah's symbolic wife, his heavenly organization. Her "sons" are taught to trust in Jehovah. The district convention is one of the means that Jehovah uses to teach us today. Do you view it as such? You may quickly respond, 'Of course I do.' But while at the convention, are you doing everything possible to absorb the entire program? It is evident that with some this has not always been the case. What can we do, individually and as a family, to ensure that we gain the maximum benefit from the convention program?

9 Considerable effort and expense may be required on our part to attend the convention. In addition, the Society and the brothers in the host cities have labored many hours to provide us with the best facilities possible. Add to this the thousands of hours spent by the Society and the speakers in preparing for the program, and it is apparent that we have much for which to be thankful. Will

your appreciation move you to get the maximum benefit from the entire convention?

[10] It is important to get sufficient rest each night. We want to arrive at the convention alert and eager to enjoy every minute of the program. If you arrive tired, you will not find it easy to keep awake and attentive, and your ability to benefit fully from the program will be greatly reduced. So, coming to the convention well rested each day can contribute much to our enjoying the spiritual feast.

[11] We will be helped to concentrate if we remind ourselves of why we are going to the convention —to "listen and take in more instruction." (Prov. 1:5) As recorded in Isaiah 55:1, Jehovah invited his covenant people to partake of life-giving provisions that he offered without cost. But to take advantage of such, they would need to "listen *intently*." He added this exhortation: "Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, and your soul will keep alive." (Isa. 55:2, 3) Similarly, would we be able to accept Jehovah's generous offer of life-sustaining spiritual nourishment in the modern-day spiritual paradise if we were too sleepy to absorb what the speakers were saying? Obviously, we want to show our appreciation by doing all we can to be mentally and physically prepared so as not to miss any of the program.

[12] One pleasurable aspect of district conventions that we treasure is the association with our brothers. We look forward to renewing old friendships, making new acquaintances, and sharing experiences with one another. Some customarily arrange to visit with family and friends after the conclusion of the day's session. These reunions can be very enjoyable and spiritually stimulating. But please be sure that such visiting does not continue so late into the evening hours that you are unable to get the needed rest.

[13] It is suggested that some thought be given to the items we bring with us to the convention site. Some brothers have brought large coolers and other bulky items that could not be placed under their seat. These have been placed in aisleways or on empty chairs. We need to show consideration in such matters since this has resulted in some being deprived of a seat and at times is done in violation of the fire code.

[14] **NOTE-TAKING**: Besides your Bible and songbook, remember to bring a notepad and pen or pencil. We may not be in the habit of taking notes during weekly congregation meetings because most of the talks and demonstrations are taken from material that is available to all in the congregation. Taking in information at the district convention is an entirely different matter. While some of the talks will in time appear in the publications, others will not. Even if all the talks would eventually appear in print, there are still significant benefits if you take brief, meaningful notes.

[15] Taking notes serves as an aid to concentration. With your pen and pad in hand, isolate the speaker's key points and key scriptures or a new thought that may be presented. Then make brief notes of these. Usually a sentence or two will suffice for a key point. By following this suggestion, your concentration will unquestionably improve. You will be less likely to let your mind drift or be distracted by some activity in the convention area. You will also be equipped to participate in the review of the convention highlights with your congregation the following week.

[16] Will you have young children or teenagers with you? Then why not arrange for them also to take notes in accord with their ability and age? Let the family know that you plan to review some of the main points brought out by the speakers when you return to your place of lodging or while you are traveling home. Younger children can be encouraged to write down all the scripture citations that are read or note how many times they hear a speaker refer to key words or the theme of his talk. By doing this, they will get much more from the talks. It is good for children to learn to pay close attention at Christian meetings. You will be helping them to build a solid foundation for the future. —1 Tim. 6:19.

[17] **CONDUCT ABOVE REPROACH**: Each year at the conclusion of our district conventions, we generally receive favorable comments about the orderliness and good conduct that was in evidence. Observers often remark about the neat appearance of adults and children alike, not to mention the peace and unity of the brothers while attending the convention. The year 1986 was no exception. But why do we mention this? Because it is encouraging to know that when we set a fine example, it is observed and appreciated by others. (1 Cor. 4:9) More importantly, though, it brings praise to God. We want to honor Jehovah in word and deed, and since people may judge the organization and even the God we worship by our conduct, we want to be ever conscious of how we act.

[18] The manager of one motel wrote: "All of your delegates were very cordial and polite, and we all enjoyed having them with us." A government official living near a stadium being used by Jehovah's Witnesses for their convention said: "As a neighbor I can say I believe in your association, in the way in which you clean the stadium. . . . I believe in your discipline." A police officer said: "You people are really at unity and happy. There is no problem of peace and order when you are here. All are quiet

and disciplined. Your parking is orderly and it is easy to talk to you if there is a problem." A bank manager observed: "Everybody behaved properly. When you are with them [Jehovah's Witnesses] there is nothing to worry about. They are really divine peace makers. This kind of attitude is absent in other groups of people."

[19] There are a number of areas, however, to which we still need to give attention for us fully to 'shine as illuminators,' especially when we are away from the convention grounds, such as at restaurants and motels. (Phil. 2:15) But, first, how are we doing in the matter of unnecessary seat saving?

[20] Improvement has been noted in this regard, and for this we commend you. However, please keep in mind that SEATS MAY BE SAVED ONLY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY WHO MAY BE TRAVELING WITH YOU IN YOUR OWN CAR. It is only natural to want to sit near the ones we came with, and it is expected that immediate family members would sit together. But please do not reserve seats for others. Oftentimes friends locate seats on their own, and the extra ones you saved are not used. Trust in Jehovah, and appreciation for the convention will be evident by our following these directions.

[21] We should conduct ourselves in an exemplary manner AT ALL TIMES. A number of letters have been received reporting that some brothers left the convention grounds before the program was concluded and rushed to their motel so they could be first in the swimming pool. Unsupervised children and teenagers were among them. Some Witness children remained in the pool for hours, keeping other guests from using the facilities. It was also noticed that some who attended the convention, on returning to their motels, were caught up in the spirit that is so typical of this pleasure-seeking world. This was even reflected in their changing into immodest and faddish attire. In some cases it became difficult to identify them as fellow Witnesses. This emphasizes the need to maintain conduct and grooming that is above reproach at all times. —1 Pet. 2:12.

[22] After the convention program has concluded, many enjoy getting together for a meal and association. If the time is used wisely, this can prove to be spiritually stimulating as we share experiences and review the convention highlights. Doing this will give no cause for complaint, since we behave "in a manner worthy of the good news."—Phil. 1:27.

[23] A final kindly reminder has to do with visiting and talking during the sessions. If the program has begun and you are in your seat but then notice a brother whom you have not seen for a long time passing by, what will you do? Will you stand up, wave, and call out to the brother, or will you quietly remain seated and try to locate him later? What would you think of a brother or a sister who would call out to someone entering the Kingdom Hall after the meeting has started or who would visit in the back of the hall during a meeting? If you have to leave your seat to use the rest room or to take your children there, the loving thing would be to return to your seat as quickly as possible without visiting in the corridors. We have been reminded that being at a convention should really be no different from being at our local Kingdom Hall.

[24] **FOOD NEEDS**: As already announced in the January 1987 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, a few adjustments have been made in the food service arrangement. This will enable more of our brothers and sisters who previously worked in food preparation to benefit from the spiritual food presented. However, the willing service of those who are needed as volunteers is very much appreciated.

[25] All attending the convention will find the food available to be satisfactory and nourishing, giving good variety for three days. Great care has been taken to buy food of the highest quality. Your giving full support to the food service arrangement will help to defray some of the expenses of the convention.

[26] **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**: The emphasis on simplification is particularly noted in connection with the man-hours needed to organize and operate a district convention. Those who have been in the truth many years recall that before and during large conventions, tens of thousands of volunteers were needed, devoting many hours of their time in various convention departments. That labor of love was deeply appreciated, but it often resulted in many of the volunteers missing a great deal of the program.

[27] While fewer volunteers and fewer hours are now required to do the work, volunteer help is still needed for the smooth operation of a district convention. Can you have a share? No one should feel that volunteering will mean missing most of the program as some have experienced in the past.

[28] When you arrive at the convention site, check with the Volunteer Service Department. Even if you may be able to work for only part of the convention, your services will be appreciated. Children under 16 years of age are required to work with a parent or a guardian.

[29] **CONCLUSION**: Convention time is near. We hope to see all of you there. The Bethel family

eagerly anticipates being with you at the various conventions throughout the United States. Jehovah has organized his name people theocratically, and he knows what we need in these final days. Just as Jehovah gathered his people in ancient Israel for spiritual instruction, so he does with his faithful Witnesses today. By this means, Jehovah strengthens and fortifies us to endure faithfully to the end. Then we will be blessed with life in his new system. (Isa. 40:29; 41:10; 1 John 5:14) Of this we are assured as long as we continue to "trust in Jehovah."

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already confirmed a reservation, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you have made duplicate reservations with the idea of selecting preferred rooms upon arrival, please cancel the duplicates immediately. Making duplicate reservations and failing to cancel reservations that will not be used damages our reputation and relationship with motel managers who are giving us special rates.

Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the special needs arrangement, you should notify both the landlord or the motel and the convention Rooming Department so that the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon your request, available information on any commercial trailer or camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BABY STROLLERS: In many states, baby strollers may not be used in places of public assembly. Fire regulations prohibit parking them in corridors, aisles, or between rows of seats. Since larger crowds may cause congested conditions, baby strollers are potentially dangerous not only to the baby but also to any who may stumble over them. However, car or infant seats are permissible, since these can be secured in seats next to the parents. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. That will be 10:20 a.m. on Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on the other days at most conventions. Make plans to stay until the sessions conclude. The closing song and prayer will be at 5:35 p.m. on Friday, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

BETHEL AND GILEAD MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Friday for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and who would like to enter Bethel service. Announcements will be made at the convention city regarding the exact times and locations of these meetings.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers as well as traveling overseers will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $15 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower ID card at that one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any gift releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only, upon showing their Watchtower ID card. Those in Bethel service may obtain these same provisions by showing their Bethel ID card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention and to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the specially designed lapel card at the convention and while traveling to and from the convention site. Not only is the card a means of identification but it so often results in giving a fine witness while traveling. You should obtain these through your congregation, as they will *not* be available at the conventions. The lapel cards are two cents each. (Lapel cards have already been consigned to each congregation by the Society, but the plastic holders must be ordered by the congregation.)

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions. Additionally, it has been reported that there is a greater risk of falls on stairs and ramps when sisters wear high-heeled shoes. Please be careful.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $4.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. **June**: Any combination of five older 32-page booklets for a contribution of 25¢. **July**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for $2.50. Small size, $1.25. **August**: Magazine-sized brochure for 30¢. Offer any of the following: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New,"* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*.
- If any tracts are remaining in the literature supply or publishers have some they have not distributed, effort should be put forth to distribute these in May and June.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References* (*Rbi8*) —Portuguese
  - *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (Small size) —Italian, Korean
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Cebuano, Iloko, Tagalog
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Cebuano, Hiligaynon, Iloko, Tagalog
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (96-page booklet with 70 songs; congregation and public: 35¢; pioneers: 25¢) —Vietnamese
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Marquesian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1983 —Japanese
  - *Kingdom News* No. 32 —Arabic
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *To the Hebrews, The Letter of James* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch

Help New Ones to Make Spiritual Advancement

[1] Have you had the joy of studying with someone to the point where he took his stand on Jehovah's side? It is a precious moment when someone symbolizes his dedication by water baptism. Each year tens of thousands take this step, but just as children need guidance as they grow, new ones also need assistance in making spiritual advancement. —1 Cor. 4:14-17; 2 Cor. 6:13.

[2] No doubt we all rejoiced to see so many new ones in attendance at the Memorial celebration on April 12. Now we need to help them become better acquainted with Jehovah and his organization. How can we do this? Invite and bring newly interested Memorial attenders to the congregation meetings regularly, and help them to get acquainted with others in the congregation. Encourage them to attend the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention as well as the next scheduled circuit assembly. Make good use of the information on pages 14-15 and 18-19 of the *Doing God's Will* brochure. Do not hold back, judging that they may not be ready. Many have begun regular association a short time after their first contact with the truth.

ASSISTING BIBLE STUDENTS

[3] Can more be done to assist our Bible students? Have you taught them how to study? Do they need help to prepare for and participate in congregation meetings? Encourage them to join the Theocratic Ministry School when they qualify. This will provide them with valuable training and give them confidence. Regular participation in the meetings contributes greatly to spiritual advancement.

[4] Try to get to know the Bible student well without prying into his personal life. Are there obstacles holding him back from progressing spiritually? If you note that he has adjustments to make in matters of Christian living, kindly and tactfully help him with these.

[5] Congregation Book Study conductors could arrange to meet those who are studying and encourage them to attend the book study regularly. When visiting a book study group, the service overseer could review with the book study conductor the Bible study activity in that group. They may wish to accompany some of the publishers on their home Bible studies and offer spiritual encouragement. Additionally, when the circuit overseer visits the congregation, he or his wife will be happy to accompany publishers on Bible studies. The service overseer can review the file of Bible study reports and make appropriate arrangements for publishers to take the circuit overseer or his wife along on their Bible studies.—Rom. 1:11; Phil. 1:25; please review *km* 3/81 Question Box.

[6] After a new one is baptized, we continue helping him to make further progress. (Gal. 6:10; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8; Phil. 3:13-16) Please be sure to complete the two recommended publications with the student, even if he may have attended the Congregation Book Study when either one or both of these publications were being studied. (*km* 3/83 p. 4; *km* 9/83 p. 7) Failure to do this may leave the student unprepared spiritually to stand on his own. If anyone feels that because of personal circumstances he is unable to assist a Bible student to reach spiritual maturity, he should talk to the elders about the matter.—See *km* 5/86 Question Box.

[7] The joy we receive in seeing a new one make advancement on the way of life culminates in seeing him grow to Christian maturity. He, too, will then be in a position to assist other new ones in making advancement as we all unitedly work toward the goal of life.—1 Tim. 4:16.

A Fine Expression of Brotherly Love

[1] As discussed in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for December 1986, there continues to be an urgent need for more Kingdom Halls. The brothers are making regular contributions in support of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, and this is indeed gratifying. It is in harmony with the Christian spirit of always being "ready to share." Generous giving by the brothers shows that we are resting our hope on God, who "furnishes us all things richly for our enjoyment." —1 Tim. 6:17, 18.

[2] In addition to financial support from congregations and individuals, there has been a loving response in other ways. Skilled workers donate valuable time and abilities to assist in the construction of needed Kingdom Halls. Others have contributed equipment and materials. While some of the congregation's skilled craftsmen have been away to assist in Kingdom Hall construction, other publishers have increased their support of local field service activity. It is encouraging to note the wholehearted cooperation of so many. Since all of us "have gifts differing according to the undeserved kindness given to us," let us continue making full use of these.—Rom. 12: 4, 6.

[3] Does not your recent Memorial attendance make you keenly aware of the continuing need for more Kingdom Halls? The apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to show their "brotherly love . . . in fuller measure." (1 Thess. 4:9, 10) As you continue doing this in the practical ways here mentioned, you will be exhibiting the Christlike spirit of sharing. (Matt. 10:8; Acts 20: 35) By all means, "let your brotherly love continue."—Heb. 13:1.

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Starting Home Bible Studies

[1] Jesus gave all of us a goal in our ministry when he commanded us to "make disciples . . . , teaching them." (Matt. 28:19, 20) The most effective way to accomplish this is through the home Bible study arrangement.

[2] Starting new Bible studies requires diligence on our part as fellow workers with God. (1 Cor. 3:9) Starting a study also depends a great deal on the heart condition of the individual. Jehovah's spirit operates to draw honesthearted ones and gives us direction in helping them to grow spiritually. This is borne out by the experience of the Ethiopian eunuch. (Acts 8:26-31) He was reading the prophecy of Isaiah but could not understand it, despite his being a Jewish proselyte and an educated man. However, he had a proper heart condition. Jehovah's spirit operated upon Philip to give the eunuch a clear understanding of the prophecy, moving him to request baptism.—Acts 8:32-36.

[3] Jehovah continues to use his servants today as instruments in helping honesthearted people to become disciples. How much Jehovah uses us is determined largely by our diligence, effectiveness, and willingness to be used as teachers. Success in starting Bible studies does not come automatically. It requires careful preparation coupled with a sincere desire to impart the truth to others. (Ezek. 9:4; Rom. 10:13, 14) To overcome objections, we should apply suggestions such as those offered in *Our Kingdom Ministry* and in the *Reasoning* book. If you need personal assistance in starting a Bible study, ask those who are experienced to help you. Arrange to work with the circuit overseer when he serves the congregation. The elders, ministerial servants, or regular pioneers may be able to work with you in the return visit work and help you start a Bible study. In this way you will learn how to get the best results from your ministry.

BE WHOLEHEARTED

[4] Starting home Bible studies requires wholehearted exertion. (Col. 3:23, 24) That means working hard in the house-to-house ministry with the definite goal of finding individuals who want to study the Bible. We must be diligent in making return visits. We often call when people are not at home. Why not vary the times we call, returning when the people are most likely to be at home and more receptive to the Kingdom message? Some have found early evening to be an ideal time. next month, Part in SM

[5] Return visits should be well planned, having the specific householder in mind. In some areas a simplified, direct approach is best. The latest brochures and tracts are designed to come right to the point on a particular subject. By acquainting ourselves with them, we may get better results.

[6] Remember that even though we are well prepared and give an enthusiastic witness, a new disciple is made only with the help of Jehovah's spirit. (1 Cor. 3:6) We should persevere in prayer, asking Jehovah to direct us and to open the hearts of those to whom we preach. (1 John 3:22) Jehovah will see to it that sheeplike ones, like the Ethiopian eunuch, receive an opportunity to accept the Kingdom message. By working in harmony with our prayers in behalf of sheeplike ones, we can become more effective in starting home Bible studies.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Belize recently concluded their two circuit assemblies with a peak attendance of 1,742. There were 705 publishers that reported activity during the month.

◆ The series of "Divine Peace" District Conventions held in Bolivia saw a peak attendance of 14,136. There were 4,763 publishers that reported activity in the field during December.

◆ Guam reports a new peak of 267 publishers for December, a 10-percent increase over last year's average.

◆ Martinique had an 8-percent increase in December with a new peak of 2,164 publishers.

◆ Puerto Rico's series of circuit assemblies was attended by 38,884, which is excellent compared with the 21,673 publishers who reported in December.

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	275	127.9	85.0	54.1	6.1
Pios.	52,332	79.3	38.9	28.2	3.0
Aux. Pios.	23,193	59.0	28.7	18.1	1.7
Pubs.	653,950	9.3	6.4	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	729,750				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,879

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"*:

May 3: Chapter 6
May 10: Chapter 7
May 17: Chapter 8
May 24: Chapter 9
May 31: Chapter 10

Question Box

● Is it proper for elders to review the questions with more than one baptism candidate at a time, and how long should each session last?

There are definite advantages in reviewing the questions in *Our Ministry* with baptism candidates individually. By having each candidate answer every question, the elders will get a clearer picture of his depth of understanding, leaving no doubt as to whether he is ready for baptism or not. Additionally, the one requesting baptism may be more inclined to express himself if he is meeting privately with an elder.

There may be circumstances, however, that could make it appropriate to meet with more than one candidate at a time. It may be practical to meet with a husband and a wife or other family members as a group, especially if they have studied together and plan to be baptized at the same time. Or if there are few elders and an unusually large number preparing for baptism, it may be necessary to meet with the candidates in groups of not more than two or three. Good judgment should be exercised in this.

Generally, each session would last about one hour, but there is no objection to using more time if that is necessary. (This may be the case when a group of two or three is involved or when more time is required in order for the elders to make sure the candidate is ready for baptism.) Neither the elder nor the candidate should be rushed in getting through the questions.

The newly dedicated one should be well prepared, having already considered the questions privately and having looked up and read as many of the cited scriptures as possible. There is no need for someone to go over the questions with him before he meets with the elders. ALL the numbered questions are to be considered. The elders will also take up the optional questions that are appropriate for the candidate.

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 1-7

Offering booklets

1. What point(s) will you feature, and why?
2. How will you introduce the offer?

JUNE 8-14

Evening witnessing

1. What points should be kept in mind?
2. How will you approach householders?

JUNE 15-21

Increasing our activity

1. How might we assist one another to stay out longer today?
2. How can we make the best use of our time?

JUNE 22-28

How might we improve the quality of our ministry in the

1. House-to-house work?
2. Return visit work?
3. Bible study activity?

JUNE 29–JULY 5

How will you

1. Present the literature offer today?
2. Stimulate interest in a home Bible study?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Who Is God?

John 17:26—Why Jesus made known God's name.

Ps. 83:18—What God's name is.

Booklets to Help Us Make Disciples

1 Jehovah's people have gladly followed Jesus' command to "make disciples of people of all the nations." (Matt. 28:19) Over the years, we have used various means to get people interested in the Kingdom message. We have appealed to them to study God's Word and exercise faith in the Kingdom promise. Books and magazines have been the basic message carriers, but booklets, too, have played their part in helping to make disciples.

2 Our June literature offer will be five booklets for 25¢. Even publishers with limited experience will find it easy to make this offer, and many booklets will undoubtedly be placed. The important thing to have in mind is that our booklets can help make disciples. If possible, each set of five should include at least one of the following three booklets: *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It, Is There a God Who Cares?* and *There Is Much More to Life!* Our aim is to start Bible studies with those who take the booklets, and these three have been especially designed for that purpose.

HOW WILL YOU PRESENT THE BOOKLETS?

3 It is best to feature only one booklet in making your presentation. When talking with someone who is disturbed about the growing uncertainty of life today, show him the front cover of the booklet *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* and ask if he feels that such a future is possible. Help him see that despite the problems men have created for the earth, conditions like those depicted on the cover are what the Bible promises. The booklet contains information regarding that Bible-based hope.

4 If you prefer to use the booklet *There Is Much More to Life!* you could say: "Although many people today see life only from the standpoint of day-to-day living, some want to know from where we came, what the meaning of life is, and what the future holds. Perhaps you have wondered about these matters. If so, you will be pleased to learn the Bible's answer to life's problems as they are explained in this booklet."

5 *Is There a God Who Cares?* asks a question that is on the minds of many. When featuring this booklet, you could say: "In talking with people in the neighborhood, we are finding that there are some who have doubts as to God's existence. Other persons feel that if there is a God who cares, why would he permit humans to experience untold grief and suffering? This booklet presents evidence to show that God does exist and that he cares for mankind. It offers a real hope for the future."

6 You may prefer to use other presentations that are just as effective for you. Keep in mind that our objective is to make disciples, and placing booklets is a means to that end. Jesus went on to say that making disciples should include "*teaching* them to observe all the things I have commanded you." Make the starting of new home Bible studies your goal in June, exercising faith in Jesus' further words, "Look! I am with you."—Matt. 28:20.

Do You Want to Conduct a Bible Study?

1 Jesus commissioned Christians to do more than just preach. He urged them to make disciples. The *1987 Yearbook* shows that an average of 2,726,252 home Bible studies were conducted each month during the last service year. Did you have a share in this joyful work?

2 The booklets *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It, Is There a God Who Cares?* and *There Is Much More to Life!* are excellent aids for starting new home Bible studies. These booklets are concisely written and contain helpful information that is easy to understand. During the busy times in which we live, many people appreciate it when we get right to the point. Since the booklets are small in size, the householder is not made to feel that he is undertaking some difficult or involved task when giving consideration to the subject that has aroused his interest.

3 *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* is designed primarily for those who believe the Bible but who are concerned with the growing uncertainty of life. It shows how security is possible both now and in the future for those who learn and apply Bible teachings.

4 *There Is Much More to Life!* offers encouragement to those who have been inclined to view life only from the standpoint of day-to-day living. Others want to know from where man came, the meaning of life, and what the future holds. This booklet is very timely for them also. Interest in this subject is not limited to any one age group. The material presented deals with questions that plague many today and gives satisfying answers.

5 *Is There a God Who Cares?*

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

NOTE: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will schedule a Service Meeting for each week during the summer. Congregations may make adjustments as needed to allow for attending the district convention and then for a 30-minute review of the program highlights at the Service Meeting the following week. The day-by-day review may be assigned in advance to two or three qualified brothers who will be able to focus in on key points. This well-prepared review will help the brothers to remember key points for personal application and use in the field. Any experiences used or occasional comments from the audience should be brief and to the point.

WEEK STARTING MAY 31

Song 32

5 min: Local announcements. Suggest that any tracts left over be used up in the early part of June.

20 min: "Booklets to Help Us Make Disciples." Discussion of article with some audience participation. Have three demonstrations of placing booklets as suggested in paragraphs 3 to 5.

10 min: "Include Meetings in Your Vacation Plans." Discuss article with audience, making it clear how one may find addresses of Kingdom Halls when away from home. Invite expressions showing how some have benefited from meeting with other congregations during vacation periods.

10 min: "Will You Cling to the Truth?" Talk based on article in March 15, 1987, *Watchtower*.

Song 71 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 7

Song 156 New BK STUDY

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in magazine work on Saturday. Accounts report, including Society acknowledgments of contributions sent in during May.

20 min: "Do You Want to Conduct a Bible Study?" After question-and-answer coverage of article, have well-prepared publisher demonstrate how to start a study in a booklet on initial call. After booklet offer is accepted, publisher can display *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* and say: "This is a subject that just about everyone is interested in these days. Wouldn't you say so? Notice what the booklet says on page 3." (Read opening paragraph and then ask question on paragraph.) In conversational manner, draw householder's attention to what Isaiah 32:17, 18 says about security and ask: "Do such conditions appeal to you?" Chairman can point out that such an informal approach may allow for continued discussion of additional paragraphs and starting a study.

In another demonstration, show a return visit on someone who previously took set of booklets including *Is There a God Who Cares?* Publisher starts conversation by mentioning that when he called before he did not have time to point out some of the features of the booklet. Using his own copy of booklet, publisher draws attention to questions at the bottom of page 3 and comments on conditions that cause people to be concerned about whether God cares about mankind. Mentions to householder that the questions are designed to make the reader reason on the subject and suggests they go over a few more paragraphs.

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15 min: What Drew You to Serve Jehovah? Experiences from selected publishers relating what appealed to them about the truth and caused them to want to serve Jehovah. Discuss with publishers in advance so they have specific and upbuilding points in mind.

Song 181 and concluding prayer.

KW ES WEEK STARTING JUNE 14

Song 123

10 min: Local announcements. TR

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20 min: "Auxiliary Pioneering—A Door to Greater Activity." Question-and-answer coverage. Include opportunities for regular or auxiliary pioneers to comment on how pioneering has helped them stay close to Jehovah and improve their relationship with him.

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15 min: "Do You Always Get the Point?" Talk on article in the April 1, 1987, *Watchtower*.

Song 128 and concluding prayer.

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Song 129 al W

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine work on Saturday. Demonstrate 30-second presentation featuring one of current magazines.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Evening Witnessing." Question-and-answer discussion. When discussing paragraph 3, have prepared publisher demonstrate a presentation for evening witnessing, highlighting points mentioned in the *Reasoning* book and November 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. When considering paragraphs 4 and 5, outline precautions to take in view of local circumstances, considering some points found in April 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*, page 8. P

B
15 min: Local needs or Train Your Child From Infancy. Talk by qualified elder based on article in May 22, 1987, *Awake!*

Song 162 and concluding prayer.

WR WEEK STARTING JUNE 28

Song 193

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Include highlights from June 1, 1987, *Watchtower* article "A New School to Open!" D

20 min: How Attending Conventions Over the Years Has Strengthened My Faith. Interview several of the more experienced and appreciative publishers, drawing from them experiences of attending conventions and the benefits derived. May also consult *Watch Tower Publications Index* for appropriate encouraging experiences. D

15 min: Offer for July—*Live Forever* book. Demonstrate current Topic for Conversation and transition into offer for the month. (See *pe* p. 41 par. 18.) Also, ask audience for suggestions on points they have used effectively in placing the book. Briefly discuss appropriate presentations for holiday weekend. Encourage full participation in field service on Saturday and on first Sunday of July. J

Song 92 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"*:

June 7: Chapter 11
June 14: Chapter 12
June 21: Chapter 13
June 28: Chapter 14

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **June**: Five older 32-page booklets for 25¢. If possible, include in each set one of the following: *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It, Is There a God Who Cares?* or *There Is Much More to Life!* **July**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for contribution of $2.50. Small-size edition is $1.25. **August**: One of the following 32-page magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!, "Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for contribution of $2.50.
- Congregations may request credit for booklets placed over the counter with publishers and pioneers for use in the June offer of five booklets.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- It is suggested that everyone read Joshua 1:1–10:15 in preparation for one of the dramas to be presented at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention.
- Since the convention this year will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the regular Congregation Book Study will be conducted during the convention week.
- New Publications Available:
  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!
  —Estonian, Tokelauan
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  Isaiah (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00)
  —English
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  Kingdom News No. 30
  —English, Spanish
  Kingdom News No. 31
  —English, Spanish
  Kingdom News No. 32
  —English, Spanish
  Kingdom News No. 33
  —English, Spanish

Auxiliary Pioneering—A Door to Greater Activity

1 Jehovah's people eagerly look forward to a future when we will be under God's Kingdom rule only, free from the burdens of this system of things. What sheer pleasure we will experience in waking up each morning to contemplate the prospect of spending all of our time, energy, and strength directly in Jehovah's service, transforming the earth into a paradise, instructing resurrected ones in Jehovah's ways, or engaging in other worthwhile theocratic activity!

2 Even now, Jehovah's people in ever-increasing numbers are getting a foretaste of the joys of serving Jehovah full-time. In recent years, many have found that their circumstances allow for taking up the pioneer work. These have reasoned that in this way they are able to be more fully occupied in Jehovah's service. They have offered themselves willingly and are seeking to have a greater share in Kingdom service during this period of ingathering.—Ps. 110:3.

PROGRESSIVELY EXPANDING YOUR MINISTRY

3 In anticipation of the greater activity we hope to share in, many are making wise use of stepping-stones that progressively enable them to expand their Kingdom service. One such stepping-stone is the auxiliary pioneer service. Many who have taken up this activity have been richly blessed in seeing "that Jehovah is good." (Ps. 34:8) They have been moved to submit a second auxiliary pioneer application with a little check in the box indicating that they wish to serve continuously as an auxiliary pioneer until further notice. Getting experience at this level of activity has helped many prepare for regular pioneering. The transition is an easy one, they have found. Could you auxiliary pioneer in June, July, and August, progressively using such activity as a stepping-stone to starting regular pioneer service in September?—Compare Malachi 3:10.

4 The summer months offer splendid opportunities for baptized youths to expand their ministry. What activity could you young ones engage in this summer that would be more beneficial than a month or two in the auxiliary pioneer service? What an enriching experience this could be! There is much joy to be found in sharing with others the precious truths you have learned. You can open up to other sheeplike ones the same bright hope for the future that you have. Your young friends in the congregation who are not yet dedicated will be encouraged by your example, and perhaps some of them will be moved to 'roll their works upon Jehovah' and have their plans for the future become "firmly established."—Prov. 16:3.

5 Those youths who are not yet baptized are warmly invited to consider how they can expand their Christian activity. While they may work most often with their parents, at times they could also work with zealous responsible youths or older persons. Think what a source of mutual refreshment and encouragement there can be as young and old accompany one another in the ministry!—Rom. 1:12; Isa. 40:30, 31.

6 Jehovah's blessing enriches us spiritually and moves us to give our best in his service. May the effort that we each put forth according to our ability and our circumstances be pleasing to Jehovah as we prepare ourselves to serve him eternally.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	275	130.1	90.4	55.0	5.9
Pios.	52,112	86.6	43.6	30.9	3.1
Aux. Pios.	53,171	60.1	31.1	17.3	1.5
Pubs.	634,611	10.0	6.9	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	740,169				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,485

Include Meetings in Your Vacation Plans

1 "Now that I have made arrangements for my vacation, how can I locate the nearest Kingdom Hall?" Does that question come up at times when you plan a vacation? Many find that some of their most memorable experiences on vacation are enjoyed when they attend meetings and share in field service with the local congregation. This helps them to "widen out" in their hearts, resulting in a greater appreciation "for the whole association of brothers."—2 Cor. 6: 11-13; 1 Pet. 2:17.

2 You may travel to areas where you are already acquainted with the local congregation because of previous visits. But how can you locate the nearest congregation when you have not been in that area before? Some local newspapers give the Kingdom Hall address along with meeting times. The local telephone directory may have a listing under "Jehovah's Witnesses" or "Kingdom Hall." Otherwise, you may find a policeman, postman, or other knowledgeable resident who can either direct you to the Kingdom Hall or assist you in contacting brothers living in the community. It is a good idea to look up the congregation as soon as you arrive in the area.

3 Meeting times are about the same in most places. However, keep in mind that Kingdom Halls in some areas may have meetings in different

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Evening Witnessing

1 As Jehovah speeds up the ingathering work, more congregations are being formed everywhere, publishers and pioneers are increasing in numbers, and many publishers are spending more time in the field ministry. In some areas it may well be that there is very little territory to be worked. Publishers may be calling at the same homes quite often. However, it is also observed that many of the people are not at home when we call at their doors during the daytime, and some rarely have opportunity to hear the Kingdom message even though we are working the territory regularly.

2 You will be encouraged to know that this situation is changing in many congregations where the publishers have begun to concentrate on evening witnessing. Publishers have reported finding someone at almost every home in certain territories, whereas earlier in the day very few were home. It is also reported that in general people appear to be relaxed toward the end of the day and are more inclined to listen when approached with the Kingdom message.

BE REASONABLE

3 There are certain points we need to keep in mind if we are to be successful in evening witnessing. People may be somewhat apprehensive about unexpected and unknown visitors, especially after dark. Thought should be given to how we will approach the householders. A review of what is stated on page 9 of the *Reasoning* book can be helpful. We need to convey genuine concern for the welfare of people. This can encourage the householders to feel at ease and to express themselves openly. The *Reasoning* book also reminds us to observe formalities that are customary and that are expected of visitors. This would include properly introducing ourselves and observing local customs in this regard.

4 Uninvited calls at inappropriate hours should not be made. The householder's security measures should be respected. This might include using an intercom or speaking to a person through the door and allowing him to see you through a peephole in the door.—See *km* 11/85 pp. 4-5 pars. 23, 24, 31.

5 We should be cautious, reasonable, and discreet at all times. There may be areas in our territory that are considered more dangerous than others. We would be wise to take the needed precautions when working such areas.—Jas. 3:17; see *km* 4/85 p. 8.

BENEFITS

6 There are a number of reasons why evening witnessing could be effective in your congregation. A more thorough witness can be given because more people are reached in the house-to-house ministry. Many householders who are not at home during the daytime or on weekends may likely be reached when the territory is worked in the evening. Some of the publishers who have difficulty getting out in service on weekends may be able to spend an hour or two each week in evening house-to-house work. Regular and auxiliary pioneers can have more opportunities to work in the field service with congregation publishers. Some have arranged to conduct a home Bible study in the evening, following an hour or so in the house-to-house ministry.

7 Long summer evenings are particularly appropriate for various forms of field service and especially for making house-to-house calls. However, evening witnessing need not be limited to daylight hours during summer months. Discreetly calling at homes during early evening hours the year round has proved to be beneficial in carrying out our commission to preach the Kingdom good news.

8 Does your congregation have group arrangements for evening witnessing? Have you participated in this service activity? Forethought and preparation are needed. But many blessings are to be enjoyed by those who take advantage of all opportunities available to accomplish our ministry of the good news. —2 Tim. 4:5.

Vacation Plans (*Cont'd*)

languages. By telephoning the Kingdom Hall in advance, you can make sure that the meeting you plan to attend is in your language, and you can ask for directions to help you find the hall.

4 Vacation time gives us an opportunity to be away from our secular activity and enjoy a few days of relaxation. However, we do not want to take time off from serving Jehovah. When attending meetings and sharing in the field ministry with the congregation where we are spending our vacation, we may find special refreshment for ourselves as well as be a source of encouragement to the local brothers.—Heb. 10:24, 25; 13:15, 16.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Australia had a new peak of 44,365 publishers for January. A peak of 2,225 regular pioneers reported that month.

◆ Curaçao had a new peak in January of 1,351 publishers. Attendance for the zone overseer's talk was 2,860.

◆ The first district convention ever held in Guinea was a big success with 12 persons baptized and 1,132 in attendance on Sunday. It was held in January and attended by delegates from Liberia and Sierra Leone. The brothers were very enthused about this convention.

◆ At the Gilead graduation on March 1, 1987, the opening of a new Ministerial Training School was announced. It will commence in October in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Further details are found in the June 1, 1987, issue of *The Watchtower*.

Bible Study (*Cont'd*)

answers questions such as: Why would a God of order allow men to become so disorderly? Is it possible to learn why God has permitted wickedness? Does God really care what happens to us?

6 Young publishers who have never conducted Bible studies, new publishers who feel inadequate because of lack of experience, and even more experienced ones who presently find themselves without a study may discover that starting a Bible study in one of these booklets is easier than starting a study in a book.

7 Rehearse simple introductions that lead into one of the booklets. Make an effort to start a study on the initial call. Use the illustrations to teach the householder and stimulate his thinking. Be consistent in making this effort to start Bible studies during June.

8 Remember that making simple presentations can help us in starting Bible studies. Try to get the booklet into the householder's hands so he can follow your discussion of the points closely. After discussing a point, simply ask the question at the bottom of the page and endeavor to draw out his thinking on the point.

9 If you genuinely want to conduct a Bible study, put forth sincere effort and ask for Jehovah's help. As you regularly engage in the house-to-house ministry, watch for opportunities to start Bible studies on the initial call. Promptly follow up all interest. Be discerning, enthusiastic, and positive. The inspired promise is sure when it says: "God himself will show us favor and bless us . . . that your way may be known in the earth."—Ps. 67:1, 2.

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JULY 6-12

When offering the *Live Forever* book

1. What do you highlight?
2. What questions will stimulate interest?

JULY 13-19

How do you respond when someone says:

1. "I already have that book"?
2. "You were here last week"?

JULY 20-26

What steps can you take to

1. Improve the quality of your field service?
2. Increase your time in field service?

JULY 27–AUGUST 2

After placing the current offer, how do you

1. Prepare for the return visit?
2. Offer a Bible study?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace":*

July 5:	Chapter 15
July 12:	Chapter 16
July 19:	Chapter 17
July 26:	Chapter 18

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?
2 Tim. 3:16, 17—It is God's Word.
John 17:3—Provides knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

UNITED SERVICE EFFORT GLORIFIES GOD IN APRIL

We Rejoice in New Peak of 746,956 Publishers

With one accord all of us, including many new ones, glorified Jehovah by giving a tremendous witness during April. (Rom. 15:6) A few encouraging highlights of the report are given below:

Total Publishers: 746,956. This all-time publisher peak is 2,037 over the number reporting last August, and 21,157 more than we had in April one year ago.

Auxiliary and Regular Pioneers: These totaled 148,885, or 7,015 more than last April.

Total Hours: 16,237,743. This is 823,855 hours more than our April 1986 peak.

Return Visits: 5,465,816. A 7-percent increase, 380,151 more than our previous peak reached last April.

Home Bible Studies: 549,023. An increase of 7,741 over our peak in March of this year and a 4.5-percent increase over last April.

We obtained a total of 152,275 new subscriptions during April. That was 12,471 more than during last October's subscription campaign.

It is commendable to see that congregation publishers devoted more time to field service, averaging 10.1 hours per publisher for the month.

Surely Jehovah is pleased with the effort put forth by new ones along with experienced publishers, old and young alike, in making known the good news and in bringing praise to him.—Ps. 145:12, 13.

'Keep Our Minds on Maintaining Fine Works'

1 Fine works are those activities directly related to God's righteousness and the good news of salvation that is through Jesus Christ. Paul encouraged Titus to remind the brothers "to be ready for every good work" and "to make firm assertions constantly, in order that those who have believed God may keep their minds on maintaining fine works." (Titus 3:1, 8) By keeping the good news to the fore and by conducting their lives in harmony with Jehovah's righteous standards, the brothers would not be led astray. —Matt. 6:33.

2 Paul's counsel applies to us today. Surrounded as we are by a wicked system of things that could easily turn our attention away from Jehovah's service, we need to be on guard. That involves keeping our minds on maintaining fine works. How can we do that?

HELP PROVIDED

3 We need to take advantage of the spiritual provisions Jehovah has made through the Christian congregation. (Heb. 13:20, 21) He has given us his Word, the Bible, along with an abundance of excellent study aids. Spiritually older men have been appointed to render personal assistance as shepherds of the flock. Regular weekly meetings at the Kingdom Hall and in private homes, as well as periodic larger assemblies and conventions, provide wholesome upbuilding association and faith-strengthening instruction.

4 Convenient arrangements for field service, including personal assistance for those who are less experienced, are made through the congregation. Such arrangements help us to be well equipped to carry out our

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Regular Pioneering—Can You Begin in September?

1 September marks the beginning of the 1988 service year. It will also be the first month of regular pioneer service for many. Will it be for you?

2 Many have served as auxiliary pioneers during the 1987 service year. As stated in the June issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* the auxiliary pioneer service could very well be a stepping-stone toward becoming a regular pioneer. If this is true in your case, why not begin in September? While it is good to have sufficient advance preparation, balance is also necessary so that this important personal goal does not elude you. Appropriately, the Scriptures admonish: "Do not loiter at your business. Be aglow with the spirit. Slave for Jehovah."—Rom. 12:11.

3 Before you decide to enroll as a regular pioneer, you should follow Jesus' admonition to "sit down and calculate the expense." (Luke 14:28) Factors such as health, family obligations, age, and congregational responsibilities are to be considered. But if you have already analyzed your circumstances and have determined that with some adjustments you can be a regular pioneer, do not hold back.

TRUST IN JEHOVAH'S POWER

4 When considering your personal circumstances, do not conclude that just any handicap, disadvantage, or family responsibility will prevent you from being a successful pioneer. Likely you are acquainted with regular pioneers who serve in spite of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 5

Song 192

10 min: Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Demonstrate two brief magazine presentations appropriate for local territory, and encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Give names of those enrolled as auxiliary pioneers for July, and encourage others to work in service with the pioneers.

20 min: "Keep Our Minds on Maintaining Fine Works." Develop material with questions to audience, including questions that require local application. When discussing paragraph 6, one or two brief prearranged experiences on witnessing while away from home may be included. Also, discuss new Topic for Conversation and demonstrate its use with *Live Forever* book offer.

15 min: "God Will Finish Your Training." Talk on article in June 15, 1987, *Watchtower*.

Song 91 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 12

Song 70

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Express appreciation for financial support of congregation, and report Society acknowledgment of any contributions sent in during June. Mention contribution made to help missionaries attend 1988 convention.

20 min: "Regular Pioneering—Can You Begin in September?" Question-and-answer consideration of material. Encourage those who qualify and are in a position to enter the regular pioneer work in September. Explain local arrangements to support pioneers through convenient service arrangements and other personal assistance. May include brief prearranged experiences that would be encouraging to those contemplating enrollment as regular pioneers. RJ

15 min: "Unitedly Worshiping Jehovah." Talk. Encourage all to plan on being present each week for the Congregation Book Study. Help those in audience who have studied the book previously to reason on Philippians 3:1; 2 Peter 1:12, 13; and 2 Peter 3:1, and thus appreciate value of reminders concerning basic elements of Christian faith contained in *United in Worship* book.

Song 59 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 19

Song 151 Assembly

13 min: Local announcements. Question Box. Review highlights of outstanding April report. Commend congregation on local accomplishments in the field.

12 min: Using *Reasoning* Book in Your Territory. Pick one or two subjects from *Reasoning* book that often come up locally, and demonstrate how the *Reasoning* book can be used to help the householder. As time permits, call for experiences on using the *Reasoning* book.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With New Ones." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Use one or two brief preselected experiences to illustrate points in article. Emphasize need for experienced publishers to be alert to help newer ones. When possible, volunteer assistance individually and respond positively when overseers request your help for newer ones. Encourage all to share in field service with magazines on Saturday.

Song 133 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING JULY 26

Song 55 Assembly Highlights

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. 15 min

10 min: Preparation for August literature offer. Suggest and demonstrate use of talking points from brochures that will be appropriate for local territory. Show how to tie in Topic for Conversation with brochures. Encourage all to be out in field service this weekend.

10 min: "Make Sure of the More Important Things." Talk.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "Help in Making Wise Decisions," based on article in the May 15, 1987, issue of *The Watchtower*.

Song 210 and concluding prayer.

Make Sure of the More Important Things

[1] The insert to the February 1987 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* announced arrangements starting September 1987 for a special assembly day to be scheduled for each circuit. Wholesome spiritual instruction that is needed for our times will be presented. In many cases it will be possible for a qualified Bethel speaker or district overseer to share in the program along with the circuit overseer and other capable elders in the circuit. Arrangements will also be made for a baptism.

[2] The theme of the first special assembly day program will be "Make Sure of the More Important Things." (Phil. 1:9, 10) Individuals who desire to put themselves in line for the deliverance that Jesus promised must act wisely and without delay. (Luke 21:28) They need help to get answers to their questions, overcome doubts, and take a firm stand for the truth. Practical information will be provided on how to direct new ones to the organization.

[3] In addition to being diligent in helping Bible students to grow spiritually, each one of us also needs to continue making spiritual advancement. The program gives attention to this matter of serious

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Regular Pioneering (*Cont'd*)

advanced age, poor health, and various personal or family obligations. Such factors can be considered on an individual basis with complete trust that "power beyond what is normal" can be ours when we rely on Jehovah rather than trusting in our own strength.—2 Cor. 4:7.

[5] The Society's office is already receiving applications from those who wish to begin regular pioneering in September. Thousands are expected to apply before the end of August. This is all evidence of Jehovah's power in action. With prayerful planning and implicit trust in Jehovah, many will be able to make the necessary adjustments and join the regular pioneer ranks with the beginning of the 1988 service year. Will you be among them?

[6] Blessings in store for those who become regular pioneers include the joy of sharing in the full-time preaching work and being able to assist new ones in the field. Also, those who are able to start pioneering in September have the prospect of attending the Pioneer Service School in August 1988. How true the proverb: "The blessing of Jehovah—that is what makes rich"!—Prov. 10:22.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **July**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size edition is $1.25. **August**: One of the following 32-page magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for contribution of $2.50. Small-size book is $1.25. **October**: One-year subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both.
- An adequate supply of forms for use during the 1988 service year is being sent to each congregation. Since considerable expense is involved in printing and shipping, these forms should be used conservatively and only for their intended purpose. Some congregations have had to reorder forms before the end of the service year because so many were used improperly, such as for writing notes. Congregations should make other arrangements for scratch pads and not allow Society forms to be wasted.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Small size) —Cebuano, Iloko, Tagalog
  - *Is There a God Who Cares?* —Estonian
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Indonesian
  - *There Is Much More to Life!* —Estonian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1984 —Japanese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Judges, Ruth* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - *Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Vietnamese
- The Society has available a quantity of orchestral recordings of the music from the 1966 songbook *"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves With Music in Your Hearts."* This set of ten long-playing stereophonic records (P1-P10) is available at a reduced cost of $6.00 per set for publishers; $5.00 per set for pioneers.

Question Box

- How is the hour requirement determined for one who enrolls as a pioneer after the beginning of the service year?

Regular pioneers should meet the requirement of 1,000 hours when enrolled for a complete service year, which begins on September 1 and ends August 31. Pioneers starting after the beginning of the service year should meet an hour requirement proportionate to the number of months remaining in that service year. For example, one who starts

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Unitedly Worshiping Jehovah

[1] The psalmist captured well our feelings regarding the worldwide brotherhood unitedly worshiping Jehovah when he wrote: "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1) By growing in accurate knowledge of the truth and being motivated to apply it daily in our lives, we all maintain 'the same mind and the same line of thought.' (1 Cor. 1:10) Unity among us has been enhanced in recent years through use of the book *United in Worship of the Only True God,* released at the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions in 1983. We should come to appreciate this outstanding publication even more as we consider it again at the Congregation Book Study beginning in September.

[2] All will benefit, whether we were in the congregation when the book was studied previously or we are among the thousands of new ones who have come into the truth since the *United in Worship* book was last considered in the Congregation Book Study. New ones will benefit from the varied comments and applications made by mature fellow believers. Local application of the material and points emphasized by experienced conductors will no doubt touch on areas of our personal life and ministry needing further attention. Since none of us are in the identical circumstances we faced when we studied the book previously, reviewing the information and applying the counsel in the *United in Worship* book, as it relates to the problems and pressures we face today, will strengthen us as we continue to "put up a hard fight for the faith." —Jude 3.

[3] Besides containing sound counsel that is encouraging and motivating, the *United in Worship* book stimulates our appetite for spiritual knowledge. Our reasoning powers are strengthened by the way the information is presented. The questions at the bottom of the page, as well as the questions and scriptures within certain paragraphs, require deep thought and personal application on our part if we are to absorb the full sense of the material. Studying this book helps us develop thinking ability and improve our discernment of spiritual matters. We are helped to see the truth in its various aspects and to evaluate not only the relationship of one point to another but also how it applies to us personally. (Prov. 1:1-5) This helps us to "make sure of the more important things."—Phil. 1:10.

[4] A key factor in benefiting fully is careful preparation. If you have considered the material in the past and already have the answers marked in your book, avoid thinking that careful preparation each week will not be necessary. From time to time all of us need to have our minds refreshed on these spiritual matters. The apostle Peter was inspired to remind the brothers concerning basic truths they had already learned. (2 Pet. 1: 12, 13; 3:1) Paul reminds us that such is for our spiritual safety. (Phil. 3:1) By examining the *United in Worship* book again, we will be strengthened to remain united in our worship of the only true God Jehovah in these critical last days.

Fine Works (*Cont'd*)

commission to preach the "good news" and to help others to become fellow worshipers of Jehovah. —Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20.

ACTIVITY FOR JULY

[5] July will be a busy month for most of us. Many will be attending the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention. Some will be working in unassigned territory. For many thousands, July is a month set aside for auxiliary pioneer service. All of us should be intent on doing what we can to place the *Live Forever* book and start Bible studies where possible.

[6] If your schedule of activity for July includes travel away from home, likely you will have many opportunities to meet and talk with people on an informal basis. Many have found that by carrying a small-size *Live Forever* book, they have been encouraged and helped to strike up conversations that often lead to giving a fine witness. Of course, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* also are convenient instruments to use when witnessing informally.

[7] In order to make your travel plans complete, be sure to include arrangements for attending meetings and perhaps sharing in field service with the local congregation. The June 1987 *Our Kingdom Ministry* article "Include Meetings in Your Vacation Plans" offered suggestions on how to locate the nearest Kingdom Hall.

[8] Whether we are spending most of July with our home congregation or we are visiting in other areas, we will want to participate to the extent possible in congregation meetings and field activity. By "always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord," our minds will be directed aright, and we will maintain fine works to Jehovah's praise.—1 Cor. 15:58.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With New Ones

¹ What a wonderful advantage it is to have among us experienced publishers of the good news! They are a real asset to the congregation as they use their abilities along with knowledge and experience to assist the many new ones flocking to Jehovah's organization today. They take to heart the inspired admonition: "In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another."—1 Pet. 4:10.

² Approved associates and those who are newly baptized deserve commendation for their hard work in the field ministry. However, their experience may still be limited to just one or two features of the preaching work, such as the distributing of magazines and witnessing informally. To make their advancement manifest, these new ones need to share in as many features of the ministry as they can and improve their effectiveness as proclaimers of the good news. New ones will be helped to become proficient Kingdom ministers by working along with those who have had more experience.—Eccl. 4:9, 10.

MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

³ Can you make yourself available to assist others in the ministry? New ones need to learn not only how to offer magazines but also how to use the Bible in the house-to-house ministry. They need to learn how to initiate and continue conversations with householders. Someone who lacks experience may be apprehensive about making return visits and conducting Bible studies. But those who are willing can learn how to handle these new responsibilities if they receive the needed help and encouragement.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

⁴ One way you can help is to get together with less experienced ones and discuss suggested presentations found in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Using the *Reasoning* book, select appropriate introductions and practice responding to objections and conversation stoppers. In practice sessions, you can rehearse the use of scriptures and how to present the current literature offer. You can discuss how to conclude an initial call so as to lay the foundation for a return visit, or you can show how a Bible study may be started. Such preparation will help the new publisher to have confidence in his ability to speak to people about God's Word.

⁵ Make definite appointments to work in the field ministry. The new one may prefer to go along and just observe for a few calls. Then he can try putting into practice what was prepared in practice sessions. As you work together, discuss how your presentations might be improved and how to handle such things as indifference and opposition. Be encouraging and supportive. Remind the new one that it is Jehovah's work and that he will bless our honesthearted efforts.—Matt. 11:29, 30.

WORK WITH YOUNG ONES TOO

⁶ Young ones enjoy their share in the ministry more when they have a well-prepared presentation. The very young can be encouraged to make a simple magazine presentation. If able, they may be given opportunity to read a Bible text to the householder. Help each one to progress according to his age and ability. Parents and others in the congregation can provide the necessary help and encouragement so that the very young ones as well as those growing to maturity will become adept in "handling the word of the truth aright."—2 Tim. 2:15.

⁷ Those conducting Bible studies will want to introduce the students to the field service as soon as they qualify. Elders, ministerial servants, pioneers, and parents should also be alert to offer assistance to those who are just beginning to share in the preaching work. Can you make yourself available to assist new ones? Take the initiative in doing so, for our 'being harmoniously joined together and giving what is needed makes for the growth of the body.'—Eph. 4:16.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Curaçao had their fourth peak for the service year in February with 1,352 reporting. There was a new peak of 84 regular pioneers.

◆ Fiji had their 26th consecutive peak in February with 1,253 reporting for a 14-percent increase.

◆ The regular pioneer ranks continue to expand in Ghana. The 31,603 publishers reporting in February included a new peak of 2,767 regular pioneers.

◆ Jamaica reported new peaks in February of 8,120 publishers and 339 regular pioneers.

◆ In February Korea reported new peaks of 13,349 regular pioneers and 46,001 total publishers.

◆ Liberia had a new peak of 1,432 publishers in February. Their new branch building was dedicated on March 28 with 2,126 in attendance.

Make Sure (*Cont'd*)

concern by offering helpful suggestions along with a practical discussion to show just what can be accomplished by searching into the deeper things of God's Word.—1 Cor. 2:10.

⁴ A portion of the program will call attention to convincing evidence of our being adequately qualified to serve as God's ministers. In the concluding part, you will hear interesting experiences and reports showing that Jehovah's progressive organization is moving ahead, and you will be encouraged to keep pace with it.

⁵ Your circuit overseer will let you know what arrangements have been made for the special assembly day in your circuit. Make sure that you will be there for the full day's program.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	277	130.4	94.9	55.8	5.9
Pios.	52,428	86.0	47.4	31.1	3.1
Aux. Pios.	96,457	58.7	34.7	16.3	1.3
Pubs.	597,794	10.1	7.2	3.8	0.4
TOTAL	746,956				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,014

Question Box (*Cont'd*)

regular pioneer service on March 1 will have pioneered six months by the conclusion of the service year on August 31 and would need to have reported a minimum of 500 hours.

Reporting 90 hours each month is a goal for which we strongly encourage pioneers to strive, regardless of when they begin. By scheduling 90 hours of field ministry each month, a pioneer should be able to attend assemblies and conventions as well as take vacation time without getting far behind in the yearly hour requirement. By holding to the 90-hour monthly schedule, he will not come under pressure because of having to overcome a sizable hour deficit as the service year draws to a close.

The circumstances of some pioneers, such as those doing seasonal work, may require them to vary their approach to meeting the yearly hour requirement. But each pioneer should keep a schedule that will enable him to meet the hour requirement by the end of the service year, whether 1,000 hours for the entire service year or that portion of 1,000 hours corresponding to the number of months he pioneered during the service year.

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 3-9

Working with the brochures

1. Which ones have you used, how, and why?
2. What illustrations do you use?
3. What key points do you read to the householder?

AUGUST 10-16

How would you start a study in

1. The *Government* brochure?
2. The *"Look!"* brochure?

AUGUST 17-23

How can you teach by

1. The way you read scriptures?
2. Asking questions?
3. Illustrations and repetition?

AUGUST 24-30

What can be done when a person says he

1. Is busy?
2. Is not interested?
3. Has his own religion?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?
2 Tim. 3:16, 17—It is God's Word.
John 17:3—Provides knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

Do the Work of an Evangelizer

1 Paul encouraged Timothy to keep his senses in all things, do the work of an evangelizer, and fully accomplish his ministry. (2 Tim. 4:5) Whether young or old, new in the truth or well-experienced in the preaching work, we too want to share fully in the evangelizing work.

2 While declaring the good news during the month of August, we will offer the Society's recent brochures: *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever, The Government That Will Bring Paradise, Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* and *"Look! I Am Making All Things New."* If we take time to become familiar with these four brochures, we should be able to present them effectively to the people in our territory.

HOW TO USE THE BROCHURES

3 The *Divine Name* brochure: If you are using the current Topic for Conversation, you can easily tie in John 17:3 with the question, What is the name of the only true God? After asking that question, you might say, "John 17:3 speaks of two persons. One is named Jesus, but the other is referred to only by the title "God." Now, notice what is stated in this brochure on page 4, . . . here under the subheading 'What Is God's Name?'" You can then read the paragraph following the subheading and refer to Psalm 83:18 where Jehovah's name appears. After that, you may turn to pages 8 and 9 in the brochure and show the various ways the divine name is translated into different languages, as well as how it looks in Hebrew. Then you can offer the householder this informative brochure for 30¢.

4 The *Government* brochure: After you read John 17:3 and point out that knowledge of God and of Jesus means everlasting life, ask the householder if he has given thought to enjoying life on earth forever. Allow for a response. Then turn to page 3 of the brochure and read a portion of the model prayer, emphasizing that God's will is to be done on earth. Thereafter, read the rest of paragraph 1 showing that the Kingdom is the means God will use to solve the problems that make life so difficult today. At this point the brochure

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Be Spiritually Prepared for School

1 With the new school year close at hand, parents, elders, and youths should all give serious thought to the challenges that Christian youths will encounter. What will help them to get the most out of their educational opportunities while setting a fine example of godly conduct and maintaining Christian integrity?

2 When faced with a term of secular education, Daniel and his three teenage companions made diligent preparation. Their 'determination in heart' to maintain integrity brought them Jehovah's favor and blessing. Similar steadfast determination to remain loyal to Jehovah during this coming school year will bring rich rewards to Christian youths today. —Dan. 1:8, 17; Prov. 10:22.

REVIEW *SCHOOL* BROCHURE

3 Parents play a key role in helping children to be spiritually prepared for the new school year. Motivated by love, parents should take the initiative and the time necessary to review the *School* brochure thoroughly with their children. Make definite arrangements to get a copy into the hands of classroom teachers as well as other school officials. Some youths can be encouraged personally to present the brochure to their teachers. However, parents should rehearse with them not only *what* to say but also *how* to say it. When situations arise at school, parents and children should review appropriate sections of this brochure before making final decisions. (Phil. 1:10) Parents can do much to bring honor to Jehovah's name by teaching their children how to take a firm stand for the truth and then helping school authorities to understand our Christian position.

4 Elders also can help young ones to be well prepared spiritually. Be sure the congregation has a sufficient supply of *School* brochures on hand. Congregation Book Study conductors can inquire of parents and youths to see if some assistance is needed. Many elders express ongoing interest in the Christian conduct and scholastic grades of young ones, and in this way they are able to offer practical help as needed. Such heartfelt concern by the older men of the congregation gives moral support and can be "a strengthening aid" to young ones.—Col. 4:11, 12.

5 Youths, are you prepared to uphold Christian principles in school? Your desire and ability to do so will benefit not only yourself and any other Witness youths who are presently in your school but also those who will follow you in years to

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 2

Song 26

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on second Saturday of August. Suggest appropriate presentations for current magazines.

20 min: "Do the Work of an Evangelizer." Question-and-answer discussion. Encourage brothers to keep accurate house-to-house record of placements and interest shown. Have purpose of calling back and endeavoring to start studies. Remind brothers about successful results enjoyed last August when brochures were featured. Briefly demonstrate suggested presentation of each brochure when corresponding paragraphs are considered. Remind publishers that brochure placements are to be counted as booklets.

15 min: "What Are Your Spiritual Goals for the Future?" Talk by elder based on *Our Ministry* book subheading beginning on page 116. This should be presented in a warm, encouraging manner.

Song 51 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 9

Song 37

10 min: Local announcements, "Magazine Price Increase," and accounts report. Encourage all to share in field service this weekend. JA-PM

25 min: "Use the *Index* to Grow Spiritually." Question-and-answer discussion of article, followed by demonstration of newer one approaching experienced brother and asking how to overcome the common objection, "I'm busy." Experienced brother covers "How to Find Information" section starting on page 5 of *Index*. Refers to pages 7 and 8. To answer question, they turn to main heading "Field Ministry" and go to "objections" on page 309. They look down the column to "busy." Briefly comment on points found in *Reasoning* book, pages 19 and 20 and page 7 of May 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

10 min: "New Circuit Assembly Program." Enthusiastic talk about new circuit assembly program starting in September.

Song 203 and concluding prayer.

AW
PM

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 16

Song 127 BB

10 min: Local announcements and consideration of the day's text. Encourage family participation in magazine activity on fourth Saturday. LA

20 min: "Be Spiritually Prepared for School." Question-and-answer consideration of article. When considering paragraph 5, have two demonstrations. In first demonstration, have parent of small child present brochure to school principal. In second demonstration, have teenager present a copy to teacher. Discuss some of the specific problems that youths must deal with in school. As time permits, audience can relate interesting experiences enjoyed in talking with school officials.

15 min: "Helping a Child to Grow in Godly Wisdom." Elder discusses February 15, 1987, *Watchtower* article with a married couple and a single parent. Make local application.

Song 10 and concluding prayer.

JT
JA

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 23

Song 130

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Good Teaching Methods." Question-and-answer discussion. Highlight the need to teach when preaching the good news. When discussing paragraph 3, suggest questions that would stimulate conversation with local householders. Encourage all to learn how to use questions appropriately, and how to emphasize specific points when reading scriptures.

15 min: Local needs or "Christian Women—Maintaining Integrity in the Workplace." Talk based on article in March 15, 1987, *Watchtower*.

Song 134 and concluding prayer.

Evangelizer *(Cont'd)*

could be offered. Or you may wish to turn to pages 28 and 29, show some of the blessings that God's Kingdom government will bring to mankind, and then offer the brochure for 30¢.

[5] The *Life on Earth* brochure: When offering this brochure, the regular Topic for Conversation can be used, or you may wish to use a simplified presentation. After introducing yourself, ask the householder if he thinks the day will ever come when there will be plenty of food for everyone. Will there be a time when all families of the earth will have their own home and be able to live in peace and happiness? After the householder's reply, turn to illustration 47 in the brochure. Explain the wonderful conditions depicted there and show how these will soon prevail here on earth. If you have the opportunity, invite the householder to consider the scriptures at illustration 47. You can tell him that this brochure shows what we must do in order to enjoy life on earth forever. Offer a copy for 30¢.

[6] The *"Look!"* brochure: Throughout the world there are millions of people who do not recognize the Bible as the inspired Word of God. This brochure is designed to help such persons. After introducing yourself, ask the householder if he knows that the Bible is the only religious book that truly explains Paradise. Allow for his reply. Then invite him to read Revelation 21:4 with you and see what Paradise will be like. Consider paragraph 1 on page 3 along with the picture on the cover. Invite the householder to accept this brochure for 30¢ and learn more about Paradise.

[7] During August all can offer brochures as we share in the evangelizing work. Parents can help their children prepare a simple presentation. New ones can start out by selecting a presentation that is brief and with which they feel comfortable. May we zealously do the work of evangelizers, reaching as many people as possible with the satisfying information published in the brochures.—1 Tim. 2:3, 4.

Spiritually Prepared *(Cont'd)*

come. Will you be able to resist the peer pressure exerted to induce you to engage in wrong conduct? Can you courageously maintain Christian neutrality, even in the face of ridicule? Are you prepared to make good use of the *School* brochure and the *Reasoning* book to explain your Bible-based view of holidays and worldly celebrations? Will extracurricular activities and recreational pursuits lure you into the snare of bad association? Whether you have read and studied the *School* brochure previously or not, review it now and 'determine in your heart' the course you will follow. If you do this, your actions will be consistent with the fine conduct of other devoted Witnesses in school.

[6] May parents and youths alike be spiritually prepared to apply the information in the *School* brochure during the coming school year, and may Jehovah bless your faithfulness in this regard.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **August**: One of the following 32-page magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *"Look! I Am Making All Things New," The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. **October**: One-year subscription for *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both, for contribution of $5.00 each. **November**: *New World Translation* and *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for a contribution of $4.50.
- During the week of August 31 to September 5, 1987, the Society will be taking an inventory of all literature on hand in Brooklyn. Because of this inventory, no congregation literature orders will be processed for shipment or for pickup during that week.
- Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to us no later than September 6, 1987. Keep a carbon copy for your files. We are sending a third copy for use as a work sheet.
- 1988 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses: Publishers and pioneers, please order your calendars through your congregation. Congregations should begin collecting requests for these calendars now. Then on September 1, 1987, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society, using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). Calendars in other languages should be listed under "Other Language Publications," showing the quantity for each language separately as well as the year 1988. The calendars will be available in Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Calendars are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers, pioneers, and the public. Do not send the remittance with the order. (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) Until the calendars are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices.
- Publishers should submit personal requests for literature to the congregation literature servant rather than ordering them directly from the Society. The presiding overseer should arrange for an announcement each month before the congregation literature order is sent to the Society so that all interested in obtaining personal literature items may advise the brother handling literature in time. (Literature servants, please see the *Cost List,* paragraph 10.)
- New Publications Available:

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Small size) —Thai
"Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Indonesian, Papiamento

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Use the *Index* to Grow Spiritually

[1] From 1930 to 1985 the Society produced an abundant variety of Bible study aids that together comprise a unique library of indispensable information. This spiritual food has been provided progressively as "food at the proper time" to help sincere people to "go on growing in the . . . knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (Matt. 24:45; 2 Pet. 3:18) Now we have the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* that makes it relatively easy for us to locate specific points of information. It can aid us greatly in our endeavors to make further spiritual advancement. —Prov. 4:18; 9:9.

[2] Knowing how to use the *Index* will facilitate finding information needed for preparing talks, field service presentations, reports, and compositions, or for answering questions related to our Christian faith. This can be of immense value in our personal and family study, in preparing for Christian meetings, and for preaching and teaching the good news to others. (Col. 4:6) We need to acquaint ourselves with its various features.

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FEATURES

[3] A helpful innovation in this new *Index* is that regular features of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* have been indexed under their respective headings, such as "Questions From Readers," "Young People Ask . . . ," and "The Bible's Viewpoint." Also, "Question Box" items from *Our Kingdom Ministry* have been listed separately under that heading. In this way specific information is made readily accessible to fill the particular needs of parents, overseers, and publishers, or to facilitate personal Bible study and research.

[4] Another fine feature of this *Index* is the section under "Dates," with its subheadings "B.C.E.," "C.E.," and "Clarification of Beliefs." Also, the scripture index with its references to *Aid to Bible Understanding* has been revised so as to list only those references that provide meaningful explanations about the verses cited.

[5] The *Index* helps us to appreciate the progressive development of our understanding of many scriptures and Bible subjects. (See page 5, paragraph 6 of *Index.*) The indexing of information on the term *"porneia"* illustrates this well. Under "meaning of word," as with all subheadings, current references appear first. Further information on the subject can be found under other subheadings such as "Scriptural ground for divorce" and "sexual practices within marriage not."—See *Index,* page 669. Pet go on growing in Kno

VALUABLE TOOL

[6] Proverbs 2:4, 5 encourages us to keep searching for knowledge of God just as we would search for hid treasure. We need to seek out Jehovah's sayings and commandments, and search for wisdom, discernment, and understanding. This searching requires effort and perseverance. It calls for much digging. What a useful tool "the faithful and discreet slave" class has made available for our use in doing that! Let us use the *Index* to good advantage.

New Circuit Assembly Program

[1] What a grand privilege it is for us to serve Jehovah! There is no better way of life. Do we not say to Jehovah, as did the faithful sons of Korah: "A day in your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere"? (Ps. 84:10) We will rejoice, then, in the circuit assembly program for the 1988 service year, starting in September, which emphasizes the theme "The Excelling Value of Serving Jehovah."—Phil. 3:7, 8.

[2] The purpose of the program is to help us appreciate more fully the unique privilege of serving Jehovah at this particular time. Jesus Christ set the perfect example of single-minded service to God. Christians must not only acquire his mental attitude but also maintain it. (Phil. 2:5-8) The circuit assembly program will help us to analyze our individual service to God, to identify the positive qualities that are so vital to wholehearted worship, and to see wherein we can make progress.

[3] We have often heard the expression "pioneer spirit." What is the pioneer spirit? How can all of Jehovah's servants show they have it? These and other similar questions will be answered. Scriptural counsel will be provided on how we should view opposition to our ministry and how we can cope with it. Youths will receive encouragement and will be helped to examine their sense of values in matters related to sports, motion pictures, and television programs. In addition, the many opportunities for wholehearted service open to older persons will be discussed along with a consideration of what some of them are actually doing.—Isa. 48:17, 18.

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Good Teaching Methods

1 An important goal in preaching the good news is to make disciples. To this end, we need to teach interested ones to observe the things Jesus commanded us. (Matt. 28:19, 20) The apostles set a fine example in this regard as "every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup *teaching*." (Acts 5:42) Paul did the same in his ministry. (Acts 18:11; 20:20) We want to imitate the fine example of these faithful teachers of the good news.—1 Cor. 11:1.

2 Two excellent teaching methods used effectively by Jesus and his apostles were: (1) the use of questions, and (2) emphasizing specific points when we read or quote the Scriptures. How can we use these methods in our house-to-house work and when conducting Bible studies?

FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

3 When we have an opportunity to speak with a householder, it is good to get his viewpoint on the subject so that our presentation can be tailored to meet his particular needs. Appropriate viewpoint questions can be helpful in doing this. The householder's answers to questions relative to present world conditions can provide us with useful information for our discussion. In fact, questions that invite the householder to comment have made some householders more inclined to listen to what we have to say.

4 But how can we know what questions to ask? As part of our field service preparation, it is good to take a few minutes to think about the kind of people in the territory, their general opinions, and matters that concern them. Then think of viewpoint questions that could be asked to draw them into a conversation.—See *School Guidebook,* pages 51-2.

5 Our house-to-house ministry also provides the opportunity to read scriptures that can convey God's thoughts on a specific subject. How we read the scriptures is important. We want the listeners to remember the specific point we are teaching. To do this, we need to use proper emphasis and stress specific words. This can be done by reading key words with more intensity or volume, or by calling attention to what we are going to read next. Also, after reading the text, we may want to repeat key words in order to give further emphasis to a point.—See *School Guidebook,* pages 126-7.

AT BIBLE STUDIES

6 The use of questions is vital when conducting Bible studies. Well-worded questions can make the student think and can help him to a clearer understanding of the truth. Thus, well-placed supplementary questions not found in the publication being studied may be asked. On page 51 in the *School Guidebook* there are helpful suggestions that you may wish to review from time to time.

7 Making good use of the Bible is essential. Even though some scriptures may be quoted in the publications, at times it may be beneficial to have the student read directly from the Bible. Make sure the key words are properly emphasized so that the Bible student will appreciate why the scripture is quoted and will understand its application.

8 May our effective use of questions and proper emphasis in reading scriptures help us to continue making disciples in harmony with Jesus' command.—Matt. 28:19.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Efik

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Spanish

My Book of Bible Stories (set of four in album; congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00) —Norwegian

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	273	127.7	95.1	53.0	5.6
Pios.	51,660	81.8	44.9	28.5	3.1
Aux. Pios.	60,858	58.8	34.5	16.2	1.4
Pubs.	622,631	10.0	7.3	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	735,422				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,975

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1987	1986	Difference
Total Attendance	1,778,066	1,691,297	+86,769
Number of Partakers	3,733	3,801	−68

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace":*

August 2:	Chapter 19
August 9:	Chapter 20
August 16:	Chapter 21
August 23:	Chapter 22
August 30:	Review entire book

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ In March, Botswana had more than 500 publishers for the first time, with 504 reporting. New peaks were also reached in hours, magazines, return visits, and Bible studies.

◆ Brazil becomes the third country to report over 200,000 publishers, with 205,577 reporting in March. Continued growth is evident in that 238,990 Bible studies were conducted.

◆ Guadeloupe passed the 5,000 mark for the first time, with 5,038 publishers reporting in March, a 15-percent increase. Congregation publishers averaged 12.9 hours, 7.1 return visits, and 1.1 studies.

◆ The Leeward Islands branch reported new peaks of 807 publishers and 1,010 studies.

◆ Norway rejoices over their new peak of 8,415 publishers in March, a 6-percent increase over last year's average.

Magazine Price Increase

Beginning with the September 1987 issues, the price of distributors' magazines to the congregation and the public will increase from 20¢ to 25¢. The price to pioneers will increase from 10¢ to 15¢. The September 1 and September 8 issues should be charged for and placed at the new rates, even though received and distributed in August. There will be no change in the requesting of pioneer credit for magazines, as the amount of credit per magazine remains the same.

The new subscription rate effective September 1 will be $5.00 for each one-year subscription or $2.50 for a six-month subscription. The rate for magazines published monthly will be $2.50 for each one-year subscription. Pioneers will pay one half the subscription rate.

Circuit Assembly *(Cont'd)*

4 A portion of the assembly program will give specific attention to family matters. It is entitled "Building Up a Household That Serves Jehovah." The need for discernment and good communication within the family will be discussed and demonstrated. Questions about secular education for children in Christian households will receive attention.

5 This assembly program deals with problems that must be faced now. Answers that are workable will be presented realistically. We should all make definite plans to attend this circuit assembly and pay more than the usual attention to the things we hear. (Heb. 2:1) The result will be a fuller realization of the excelling value of being a servant of our Grand Creator, Jehovah.

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 6

Topic for Conversation

1. How will you adapt it to today's offer?
2. Why is it not featured on magazine day?

SEPTEMBER 7-13

1. Why do people need the *Creation* book?
2. How might we place magazines today? (See *w*87 3/1 p. 18.)

SEPTEMBER 14-20

1. Show how chapters 17 and 18 of *Creation* book tie in well with current Topic.
2. What quotations from article "Preach a Release" might be used in presentation?

SEPTEMBER 21-27

1. Why carry regular and small-size editions of *Creation* book in service?
2. How will you use *Creation* book to start a Bible study?

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 4

1. Make transition from Topic to current offer.
2. When may it be good to offer subscriptions while doing magazine work?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?
2 Tim. 3:16, 17—It is God's Word.
John 17:3—Provides knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

Preach a Release to the Captives

1 One person with a science background who read *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* said: "I am stunned by the clarity and power of this new book. I think that it's the finest science book I've ever read for building appreciation for life. It's very sophisticated scientifically, yet on a level that anyone can appreciate." Many must have had similar feelings, since it was necessary to print more than 12,600,000 copies during the first 20 months of publication! What was your reaction upon reading it?

2 Satan has used many schemes as well as "teachings of demons" to blind people's minds. (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 4:4) One such teaching is the doctrine of evolution, and the *Creation* book is just what is needed to help us "preach a release" to those who are held captive by this God-dishonoring theory. (Luke 4:18) During September we will offer the *Creation* book extensively in our ministry. Though its value is inestimable, we offer it for a contribution of only $2.50. A small-size edition is offered for $1.25.

OVERTURNING "STRONGLY ENTRENCHED THINGS"

3 The evolution theory is one of the "strongly entrenched things," yes, a "lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God." (2 Cor. 10:4, 5) But Jehovah knows exactly what we need in order to reach all sorts of people, and he has provided us with powerful spiritual weapons to overturn such reasonings. (1 Tim. 2:4) After reading the *Creation* book, a college professor who says he is an atheist had to admit: "I have never before seen such a well-presented argument for creation." Some educators and college students have been willing to accept the *Creation* book although refusing our other publications. Why not make an effort to reach such people in your territory with this offer? Excellent results have been realized by those doing so.

REACHING ALL WITH *CREATION* BOOK

4 Have you school-age publishers offered the *Creation* book to your teachers and fellow students? Why not do so during September? Have you offered a copy of the *Creation* book to your Bible students? Even though they are studying another publication, the *Creation* book will help strengthen their faith.

5 The *Creation* book offer goes well with our Topic for Conversation "Why Study the Bible?" You might say something like this: "Many

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Set Goals to Help Keep Your Faith Strong

1 Strong faith in Jehovah and in his Kingdom rule by Christ Jesus is necessary if we are to be pleasing to God. (Heb. 11:6) It makes possible a good relationship with him, and it sustains the hope of everlasting life. But as the apostle Paul explained, "faith is not a possession of all people." Since we know that without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to God and that lives are at stake, there are good reasons for us to maintain a strong faith as we face "the conclusion of the system of things."—2 Thess. 3:2; Matt. 24:3, 36.

2 What might help us to keep our faith strong during the new service year? Theocratic goals can help toward that end. When reasonable goals are set in connection with the field ministry and in other areas of life, much can be accomplished to our own benefit and to the glory of our heavenly Father.

IN THE MINISTRY AND IN PERSONAL STUDY

3 Our individual accomplishments in the ministry may vary greatly. Yet, earnest service, even though limited by circumstances beyond our control, is pleasing to Jehovah. This was illustrated by a certain needy widow's whole-souled contribution of two small coins. (Luke 21:1-4) Still, there may be ways each one can progress in the ministry during the new service year. For example, some may be able to spend more time in the ministry each month. Could you arrange a schedule that would allow you to auxiliary pioneer a month or more at some time during the year? Or could you perhaps work toward becoming a regular pioneer? Definite plans made now may help you to achieve such a goal.

4 Another important goal is to gain more from personal study. In order to accomplish this, you could arrange to read through the Bible by a certain time. You could set aside a specific time each week for personal study and then stick to your schedule. To help you absorb the material more fully and make it your own, use it in

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 30

Song 142

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Remind publishers to obtain *Creation* books and other needed supplies for field service. Encourage support for house-to-house service first Sunday of month and on Monday, September 7, where this is a worldly holiday. Program that follows is designed to help us with offer of *Creation* book during September.

20 min: "Preach a Release to the Captives." Audience discussion. Brother reads paragraphs. When considering paragraph 5, demonstrate briefly a school-age publisher (a) offering *Creation* book to a teacher and (b) offering it to a schoolmate. Highlight illustrations when making offer.

✓ **15 min**: Congregation Book Study conductor meets with a family to help them prepare for Sunday field service. Some in family apprehensive about working with *Creation* book. Afraid questions they cannot answer will be raised. Conductor points out that it is not necessary to refute all aspects of the evolution theory. We can show householder why it is reasonable to believe in creation. Goes to page 84 of *Reasoning* book, selects points from first subheading under "Creation." If question on length of creative days arises, can use reasoning on page 88. If sincere questions about evolution raised, can go to pages 121-9 and discuss specific points with householder. Do not needlessly "argue evolution" with those highly critical of Bible. Discusses Topic for Conversation and how to adapt to offer. Conclude with one in family giving the presentation to another as suggested in paragraph 5 of article "Preach a Release to the Captives."

Song 79 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

Song 98

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Read and comment on article "New Building Takes Shape." Relate information to Society's letter of February 10, 1987, announcing acquisition of this building. Conclude with local experiences with *Creation* book offer. Encourage participation in magazine work this Saturday.

10 min: "The Spirit That Jehovah Blesses." Talk based on August 1, 1987, *Watchtower*, pages 26-9. Include commendation for right spirit displayed in local congregation.

BW

15 min: "Set Goals to Help Keep Your Faith Strong." Question-and-answer discussion. Let young ones, parents, servants, or pioneers share thoughts with audience concerning personal goals they have set.

RT

10 min: Question Box. Discussion by qualified overseer. Include consideration of cited references.

Song 144 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

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Song 115

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5 min: Local announcements.

PM

15 min: "Giving Attention to Older Ones in Our Midst." Question-and-answer discussion.

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15 min: "Too Old to Learn?—'Never!'" Talk based on August 1, 1982, *Watchtower*, pages 4-7. Pio Sch

RT

10 min: Elder interviews some older ones in the congregation who are exemplary. How long have they served Jehovah? What has helped them to endure? What helps them maintain their joy despite problems common to those with advancing years? Have other servants of Jehovah been a source of help and encouragement to them? In what ways? What joys from their ministry can they highlight?

Song 116 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

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Song 162

PM

10 min: Local announcements. Consider briefly magazine articles that could be featured this week.

15 min: Placing Magazines. Talk based on March 1, 1987, *Watchtower*, pages 17-20. Highlight information in box on page 18. Include some experiences in article as time permits. Encourage support for magazine work on fourth Saturday.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Witnessing Informally." Question-and-answer discussion. Ask, by show of hands, how many were first contacted with the truth by informal witnessing. Entertain an experience or two as time permits.

Song 192 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 27

Song 193

13 min: Local announcements. Encourage support for house-to-house witnessing on first Sunday of month. Obtain magazines for both Saturday magazine day and Sunday subscription offer. Display magazines to be used and share points from articles that would be appealing to householders in your territory. Have pioneer or skilled publisher demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation, adapting it to the subscription offer.

17 min: "Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out'!" Talk based on insert of April 1983 *Our Kingdom Ministry*, paragraphs 6-22. Highlight particular points that will help publishers to be effective when offering subscriptions. Positive attitude toward subscription offer important.

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "Building Faith to Move Mountains" in July 15, 1987, *Watchtower*, pages 4-7.

Song 181 and concluding prayer.

New Building Takes Shape

Last February 10, all congregations were notified about the excellent opportunity the Society had to acquire property next to Bethel at 97 Columbia Heights. Now the framework of the building is up, and bricklaying has been completed. It is going to be a very useful and attractive 11-story building. Soon the construction company used for the first stage of the work will turn the structure over to the Society. Brothers will go in then to complete all interior work, which will require about one year. We look forward to the time when these additional housing facilities will be available so more volunteers can come here for Bethel service.

Donations sent in specifically for the support of the 97 Columbia Heights project have covered a part of the first stage of construction, and these are very much appreciated. Additional funds will be needed to complete this large building. If you desire to share in this, please send your contribution to the Society, designating the purpose for which it should be applied. Any who may have funds they wish to let the Society use for a time and yet have them available for future personal needs should write inquiring about the conditional donation arrangement. Thank you for your assistance.

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- We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. They should be distributed to the secretary and the brothers caring for literature, magazines, and accounts.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit the congregation's accounts on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The following price changes will become effective September 1, 1987:

Item	Pio.	Cong. and Public
New World Translation—Regular (1984 Edition)	$ 2.50	$ 3.50
Reference Bible	6.00	9.00
Authorized Version	2.00	3.00
Byington (*The Bible in Living English*)	5.50	8.00
Aid to Bible Understanding	6.00	7.00
Comprehensive Concordance	5.00	6.00
All Scripture Inspired . . .	1.50	2.00
Sing Praises . . . (113 cassettes in five albums)	60.00	60.00

- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,* deluxe pocket edition (*DLbi25*); available in black or maroon —English
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1986 Edition (Regular; *bi12* with marginal references) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (A-Z) —Spanish
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Hebrew, Tshiluba
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Swahili
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1985 —German
  - Tract No. 13 —Chinese, English, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish
  - Tract No. 14 —English, Spanish
  - Tract No. 15 —English, Spanish
  - Tract No. 16 —English, Spanish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Kingdom Melodies* No. 8 (congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75)
  - *The First of Peter* through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch
  - *A Revelation to John* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Dutch
  - *Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name* (congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —English, Spanish
  - *Joshua* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - *The First of Samuel* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - *The Second of Samuel* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German

Giving Attention to Older Ones in Our Midst

1 A Christian responsibility we all can share is to show consideration for our older brothers and sisters. As the years go by, these dear ones may encounter physical problems. Because of factors beyond their control, some are not able to accomplish as much as they once did in Jehovah's service. (Eccl. 12:1-6) And as with the rest of us, they too feel the many pressures of this old system of things.

2 The Word of God points out that the primary responsibility for caring for the older ones lies with family members. (1 Tim. 5:8) Yet we, individually and as a congregation, must also "show consideration for the person of an old man."—Lev. 19:32.

WHAT WE CAN DO

3 As Jehovah's organization grows and new congregations are formed, some older ones find themselves in congregations where there are few who know them well. Realizing the effort they make to attend, do we greet them or try to get better acquainted by taking the initiative to start a conversation? Have we visited them in their homes? Or do we keep in touch by telephone when this is appropriate? Have we called not only to ask how they are but also to see if there is something we could do for them? Do they need transportation, someone to run errands, or help with necessary business matters? It is commendable that some in the congregations are doing these things, but are there more of us who may be in a position to show such brotherly concern? (Compare Luke 10:36, 37.) Showing consideration for older ones is a privilege that can be shared by all.

4 The elders can keep the congregation informed as special needs arise. But individually we can offer to help older ones with things they may find difficult or too much for them to handle. Do they need someone to read to them or to take them out in service, even though they can share only in a limited way? Do we take time to visit our brothers and sisters who are in nursing homes or who are otherwise confined because of physical problems?—Prov. 3:27.

5 As foretold in God's Word, many people today are 'disobedient to parents, unthankful and disloyal, with no natural affection.' (2 Tim. 3:2, 3) But as Christians, we want to avoid the self-centered spirit of the world. We do not want to be too busy to enjoy the company of older ones who are fine examples in love and devotion to Jehovah. Their faithfulness in attending meetings and sharing in field service to the extent they are able brings encouragement, especially if we appreciate the effort they put forth.

ATTITUDE OF OLDER ONES

6 Never should older ones be made to feel that they have become a burden to the congregation or that they are no longer appreciated, just because their energies have diminished and they cannot do as much as they did before. On the other hand, it is wonderful to see an appreciative spirit on the part of older ones. It is commendable when they do not become critical or demanding. A positive attitude on their part helps them to avoid having a complaining spirit, knowing that Jehovah can help them to endure the trials that come with advancing age. As a congregation and as individuals, we want to continue to show loving consideration for the faithful older ones in our midst.—Compare Hebrews 10:32-34.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

September 6: Pages 5 to 9, (4)
September 13: Pages 9, (5) to 14, par. 5
September 20: Pages 14, par. 6 to 17, (4)
September 27: Pages 18, (5) to 22, par. 6

Numbers in parentheses refer to questions within the text.

Preach Release (*Cont'd*)

people are interested in knowing how man got here and where he is going. Do you think the Bible answers such questions? [Allow response.] We have found that it can do so because it is God's inspired Word. Notice this point at 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. [Read.] The evolution theory offers no hope beyond this present life, whereas the Bible holds out the promise of everlasting life. You will find that promise at John 17:3. [Read.]" Then offer the book, pointing out that it will show how man got here and how he can live forever.

6 Jehovah has provided us with an instrument to help free those held captive to God-dishonoring theories and false doctrines. Let us make good use of the *Creation* book in our ministry during September.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Witnessing Informally

¹ While resting at Jacob's well near Sychar, Jesus initiated a conversation with a Samaritan woman. (John 4:5-30) Though tired and thirsty from traveling, he gave a witness about the truth. It was an informal witness. Did it have good results? Most certainly! It led to many Samaritans' putting faith in Jesus. (John 4:39-42) What a fine witness and what surprising results from that one informal conversation!

² Many today find informal witnessing an excellent way to spread the good news, and as a result, they have enjoyed thrilling experiences. Informal witnessing can be very productive. But you may ask *where* and *when* one can witness informally. *How* can it be done?

WHERE AND WHEN

³ One can witness informally in almost any set of circumstances or at any location. The important thing is to look for opportunities while going about our daily routine. Many publishers witness informally when going to and from work on public transportation or when traveling on vacation. Some take advantage of lunch breaks. Others look for appropriate occasions while shopping. One couple witnessed to the butcher at a supermarket, and when he showed interest in the truth, they arranged to continue the discussion at his home that same evening.

⁴ Infirm or ill publishers have had good success witnessing to visitors, medical personnel, and hospital attendants. (See *w*79 10/15 pp. 24-6.) Some brothers speak to visitors who call at their home. Others have had fine results approaching people enjoying the warm weather in public areas. Museums, airline or bus terminals, and other public facilities have proved to be excellent places for informal witnessing.

HOW TO DO IT

⁵ One Gilead student, a little nervous about witnessing informally, said: "I have often found that prayer helps when it is difficult for me to talk to people." So look for ways to speak to people, and ask Jehovah to open the way. Then let zeal for Jehovah and the truth motivate you. Be friendly and warm when you approach individuals. Try to establish eye contact, and start a conversation on something that may be of mutual interest. Be considerate and kind, even if the person is not interested.

⁶ Of course, if possible, we want to leave an interested person with something to read. This means we should plan ahead and have tracts, magazines, booklets, or brochures available. Our new smaller-size tracts should prove to be valuable aids in informal witnessing. Some publishers have had excellent success in starting conversations by leaving brochures or magazines on their desk at work or on a table in their home. Such may catch the eye of a workmate or visitor and lead to an interesting discussion and fruitful witness.

⁷ Look for ways to witness informally. Carry tracts or other literature with you, and ask Jehovah to help you. Arrange to follow up all interest. Be sure to report the time as field service. By putting forth the effort as Jesus and the apostles did, Jehovah will bless you too in spreading the good news through informal witnessing.

Set Goals (*Cont'd*)

the field service, discuss it with others, or make personal application in other ways.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS

⁵ A goal young ones should consider for the coming school year is to give an effective witness to teachers and classmates. Speaking of the *School* brochure, one young Witness said: "It has made it a lot easier for us to talk to teachers and fellow students about our beliefs." Have you tried using this same method? You may have to muster courage, but you can be confident Jehovah will bless your efforts.

⁶ You young ones, make it a goal not to let unwholesome influences such as bad association, drugs, and immorality adversely affect you during the months ahead! Review the material in the August issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* on using the *School* brochure, and let this help you through the tests of integrity you may face while at school.

⁷ There may be various aspects of your life and ministry that you would like to improve. Reaching goals set for yourself and your family will require a measure of sacrifice. But when you consider that the things of this world are "passing away," you will want to make every effort to gain God's approval. (1 John 2:17) So as you reflect on the past service year and look ahead to the new one now beginning, be determined to keep your own faith and that of your family strong. Set goals for yourself, and strive diligently to reach them.

Question Box

● Is it proper to circulate among the brothers private material on matters such as medical or counseling services?

With relation to Christian conduct, the apostle Paul wrote that the 'congregation is a pillar and support of the truth.' (1 Tim. 3:15) Thus, the congregation is not to be a channel for distribution of private material, whether through specially arranged meetings at the Kingdom Hall or elsewhere or in printed form or audio and video tapes.

The Watchtower and *Awake!* have offered fine information and advice on dealing with medical problems and on upholding God's law about blood. They have also had Scripturally balanced articles on fears, depression, and other emotional problems. These articles have been provided to inform. But they do not endorse certain types of diagnosis, therapy, doctors, counselors, or treatment centers, as personal decisions must be made on such matters.—See *w*82 6/15 pp. 22-9.

Since there are many of Jehovah's Witnesses, some persons, including our brothers, have tried to promote their business and viewpoints by preparing articles, brochures, and tapes directed to those in the organization. These may be on topics of interest or concern, but why are they circulated? To develop clients, customers. Even if some are not distributed to gain business, they may well contain private views put in 'theocratic language' with Bible citations. Whether prepared by a Witness or not, the views may not be in line with the Bible and the Scriptural counsel given by elders but may be based on philosophy or the elementary things of the world. —Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:20.

Problems and confusion have resulted because brothers and sisters innocently passed on such privately prepared material. All of us, especially the elders, who work in harmony with "the faithful and discreet slave" and who are looked to for guidance, should want to avoid contributing to such difficulties. (Matt. 24:45) Nor should we promote someone's business or ideas and philosophy by circulating such material among the brothers.—See *km* 6/77 p. 4.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	252	124.5	86.5	52.5	5.7
Pios.	51,409	76.8	38.5	26.9	3.0
Aux. Pios.	33,403	59.3	29.7	16.0	1.5
Pubs.	634,622	9.8	6.7	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	719,686				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,410

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 5-11

Presenting subscriptions

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What introduction will you use?
3. How will you tie in subscription offer?

OCTOBER 12-18

Not-at-homes

1. What notations should we make?
2. When is it proper to leave free literature?
3. When should we call again?

OCTOBER 19-25

Why should we

1. Not interrupt our partner's presentation?
2. Allow householder to express himself?
3. Remain calm even if householder becomes abusive? (Prov. 15:1)

OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 1

Topic for Conversation

1. What is it?
2. What introduction will you use?
3. How will you tie in the literature offer?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?
2 Tim. 3:16, 17—It is God's Word.
John 17:3—Provides knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

"As for Me and My Household . . ."

[1] "As for me and my household, we shall serve Jehovah." (Josh. 24: 14, 15) Such determination on the part of Joshua and other family heads was absolutely necessary if Israelite families were to resist the pressures against true worship in the land of Canaan. Similarly today, we must be resolute in our stand for true worship in order to fortify ourselves and our families to withstand the unwholesome influences of the system of things that surrounds us.

[2] It is the God-given responsibility of family heads to provide for their households. (1 Tim. 5:8) This is true not only regarding material things but much more so in a spiritual way! Family heads, do you have a good program of family worship, including practical Bible instruction, and do you take the lead with your family in the field ministry?

FAMILY BIBLE DISCUSSIONS

[3] Since Jehovah's acts of loving-kindness are "new each morning," would it not be proper for the entire family to give thought to these each day? (Lam. 3:22, 23) An excellent way to do this is by discussing the day's text from *Examining the Scriptures Daily.*—See suggestions in the foreword of 1987 edition.

[4] In addition to the daily text discussion, many theocratic households have a regular time for family study and worship. (Deut. 4:9; 6:1, 2) To help in this, the Society's publications have provided encouragement and suggestions that each family head would do well to follow.—See *w*86 11/1 p. 24; *School Guidebook* pp. 36-8; *km* 2/79 pp. 1, 7.

FAMILY FIELD SERVICE

[5] Since the field ministry is a major aspect of our worship, the family should share in this together. (Heb. 13:15) Family heads can do much to promote family unity and build spiritual strength by working in field service with each member of the household. (Prov. 22:6) October presents a fine opportunity to do this, since we will be offering one-year subscriptions for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower,* or both, for $5.00 each.

[6] At times, parents may wish to make the introduction at the door and then allow the child to read a scripture or simply to show the magazines and offer a subscription. If the subscription is refused, single issues can be offered for 25¢ each. Do not underestimate what children can do in the ministry! Often householders are impressed by young ones who can express themselves well at the doors. —Matt. 21:16.

[7] Are you, like Joshua, determined that you and your household will serve Jehovah faithfully? Pray for Jehovah's direction as you apply the suggestions presented above. He will bless your determined efforts to serve him faithfully.

Help Others to Dedication and Baptism

[1] What a joy it is to see the increasing number of people who are studying the Bible and associating with Jehovah's organization! And there is an even greater joy in helping them to develop and maintain a close spiritual relationship with Jehovah God himself.—Compare Acts 20:35.

[2] Commendably, many new ones have progressed to the point of becoming approved associates, and most of them are sharing regularly in the preaching work. Now they should be working toward dedication and baptism. How can we aid them in taking these important steps?—Matt. 28:19.

HOW WE CAN HELP

[3] We need to help Bible students cultivate love and appreciation for Jehovah so that they will be moved by faith to dedicate themselves to him. (1 Chron. 28:9a) Accordingly, during the home Bible study, teach them to discern Jehovah's qualities as you discuss his deeds and standards. Also, help the students appreciate the ransom. Help them to get an accurate knowledge of Jehovah God and Jesus Christ.—John 17:3.

[4] Highlight Jehovah's loving purpose for man and the earth, as well as the sanctification of His holy name. Help the student to see clearly how he is involved and how he can provide an answer to the one taunting Jehovah. (Prov. 27:11) Take every opportunity to help the student in his spiritual growth so that he will "disown himself and pick up his torture stake," getting baptized as a disciple of Jesus Christ.—Matt. 16:24.

[5] Help your Bible students see that Jehovah's laws and principles are for our good. They must realize that if they wait until the last minute to take a stand for true worship, they could lose out on the prize of life. (Luke 21: 34, 35) Speak to them of your appreciation for his organization, the congregation, the meetings, and the brotherhood. (Ps. 100:2) Show them that God's Word is alive and exerts

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 4

Song 148

12 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in the magazine service this Saturday. Suggest talking points from current magazines. Announce special field service arrangements for October 12 where this is a designated holiday.

18 min: "As for Me and My Household . . . " Discussion of article with audience by elder or ministerial servant who has exemplary family. Reason on need for united worship to strengthen family against Satan's attack. Encourage family heads to shoulder responsibility to arrange regular family field service and work with individual members personally. In connection with paragraphs 5 and 6, demonstrate parent and child concluding family practice session, followed by child offering subscription to householder.

15 min: *"The Watchtower* on Cassette" and "Reprint of *Watchtower* Bound Volumes." Discuss articles with audience. Emphasize information explaining how individuals may obtain these items.

Song 63 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 11

Song 113

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Include acknowledgments of contributions on monthly statement. Give suggestions with brief demonstration for placing the October 15 issue of *The Watchtower* and October 22 issue of *Awake!*

18 min: Using the *Reasoning* Book Effectively. Many of us have used this publication with good results in the field or on calls. The more we are acquainted with it, the more it can help us. Demonstrate a family group discussing a few of the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses listed on pages 199 and 200. For example, on "Bible," refer to pages 58 and 59. Note 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 and Revelation 1:1. Comment also on the statement 'Men wrote the Bible,' page 65. Next you might discuss how our belief in connection with God's purpose for the earth is different, using appropriate points from pages 112-17. If time permits, another teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses that is of local interest might be considered.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Special-Interest Articles in Our Magazines." Brief introductory comments on paragraphs 1 and 2, followed by question-and-answer discussion of remainder of article. Highlight opportunities to place the magazines and need for good preparation. If time permits, local experiences may be given.

Song 133 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 18

Song 13

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to support magazine day on the fourth Saturday of October. Review talking points in current issues of *Awake!* and *The Watchtower*.

20 min: "Help Others to Dedication and Baptism." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Emphasize need for approved associates to set goal of qualifying for baptism. Interview two or three newly baptized publishers regarding their spiritual progress and decision to get baptized.

15 min: Must Christians Keep the Sabbath? Audience discussion based on *Reasoning From the Scriptures,* pages 345-52.

(3 min.) Brief introductory talk using definition on page 345. Include quote on page 346 explaining how Sunday came to be the principal day of worship for much of Christendom.

(12 min.) Audience discussion of selected points from *Reasoning* book. Explain Scripturally that Christians are not obligated to observe weekly Sabbath. (Ex. 31:16, 17) However, there is a sabbath resting for Christians. (Heb. 4:9, 10) Highlight how we can reason if someone asks, 'Why don't you keep the Sabbath?'

Song 211 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 25

Song 14

5 min: Local announcements. Give loving encouragement for all to share in witnessing on first Sunday, November 1. Mention November literature offer and encourage publishers to get supplies for weekend service.

13 min: "Use New Releases to Do God's Will." Lively discussion with audience. Draw out personal reactions to announcement of new releases and to publications when actually received. Emphasis should be placed on the importance of using these provisions from Jehovah to preach and teach the good news.

15 min: "'A Time to Speak'—When?" Talk by elder based on article in September 1, 1987, *Watchtower*.

12 min: Local needs. Or review of encouragement and counsel given by circuit overseer on his most recent visit. Additional counsel by local elders may be included.

Song 170 and concluding prayer.

The Watchtower on Cassette

[1] As announced at the 1987 district convention, beginning with the issue of January 1, 1988, *The Watchtower* in English will be available on cassette on a yearly subscription basis. It is hoped that this provision will prove especially helpful to those handicapped by physical impairment that prevents them from reading *The Watchtower* in print. The recordings will also aid children and others who are endeavoring to improve their reading skills.

[2] The subscription rates for *The Watchtower* on cassette will be as follows:

Congregation and public:	$36.00
Pioneer:	$30.00
Those certified as blind or physically unable to read normal reading material:	$12.00

[3] Cassettes will be provided with Braille labels if specified. All subscriptions are for one year only; there will be no six-month subscription rate.

[4] Most of the articles in each issue of *The Watchtower* will be included on a single cassette that will be mailed directly to the subscriber semimonthly. The cassette should be received about the same time as the printed edition. In order to receive the first issue beginning in January, subscriptions should be sent in during the month of October. Special cassette subscription forms have been supplied to each congregation, which may be obtained from the brother handling subscriptions. The completed form should be returned to him for forwarding to the Society,

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1988

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1988 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [*bi12*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Reasoning From the Scriptures* [*rs*], and *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* [*pe*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* This assignment should be delivered as a ten-minute instruction talk with a five-minute oral review following, using the printed questions for this section. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel may be given if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The subjects for this talk will alternate between the *Reasoning* and *Live Forever* books, the latter to be mainly assigned to young or new students. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. It is preferred that settings involve field service or informal witnessing. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks No. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The brother assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. The school overseer will already have made sure that he covers main points that should be highlighted and that were overlooked by the speakers. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, nondedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 3 Bible reading: Isaiah 14 to 17

Song No. 46

No. 1: Ezra 1:1 to 10:44 (*si* pp. 86-7, pars. 8-13)
No. 2: Isaiah 14:1-20
No. 3: Abortion—Why Forbidden? (*rs* pp. 25-6)
No. 4: Adam and Eve, Actual Historical Persons? (*rs* pp. 27-8)

Jan. 10 Bible reading: Isaiah 18 to 22

Song No. 222

No. 1: Nehemiah: Facts Regarding It (*si* pp. 88-9, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Isaiah 21:1-17
No. 3: Why Living Forever Is Not Just a Dream (*pe* chap. 1, pars. 1-10)
No. 4: Why Is Ancestor Worship Futile? (*rs* pp. 29-31, par. 3)

Jan. 17 Bible reading: Isaiah 23 to 26

Song No. 85

No. 1: Nehemiah 1:1 to 6:19 (*si* p. 89, pars. 6-9)
No. 2: Isaiah 25:1-12
No. 3: Why Ancestor Worship Displeases Jehovah God (*rs* pp. 31-2)
No. 4: Who Are the Antichrists? (*rs* pp. 32-3)

Jan. 24 Bible reading: Isaiah 27 to 29

Song No. 187

No. 1: Nehemiah 7:1 to 13:31 (*si* pp. 89-90, pars. 10-15)
No. 2: Isaiah 28:1-19
No. 3: Grand Blessings From God—Now Near! (*pe* chap. 1, pars. 11-19)
No. 4: Identifying Apostates (*rs* pp. 34-5)

Jan. 31 Bible reading: Isaiah 30 to 33

Song No. 98

No. 1: Esther: Facts Regarding It (*si* pp. 91-2, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Isaiah 32
No. 3: What Should Be Our Attitude Toward Apostates? (*rs* pp. 36-7)
No. 4: Christ Did Not Build Church on Peter (*rs* pp. 37-9, first subheading)

Feb. 7 Bible reading: Isaiah 34 to 37

Song No. 105

No. 1: Esther 1:1 to 5:14 (*si* pp. 92-3, pars. 7-11)
No. 2: Isaiah 35
No. 3: Who Is the Ruler of the World? (*pe* chap. 2, pars. 1-12)
No. 4: What Were the Keys Peter Used? (*rs* pp. 39-40)

Feb. 14 Bible reading: Isaiah 38 to 40

Song No. 113

No. 1: Esther 6:1 to 10:3 (*si* pp. 93-4, pars. 12-15)
No. 2: Isaiah 40:12-31
No. 3: "Apostolic Successors" Not True Christians (*rs* pp. 42-4)
No. 4: Where Will Armageddon Be Fought? (*rs* pp. 44-6, first subheading)

Feb. 21 Bible reading: Isaiah 41 to 43

Song No. 34

No. 1: Job: Facts Regarding It (*si* pp. 95-6, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Isaiah 43:1-17
No. 3: What Is the Devil Doing? (*pe* chap. 2, pars. 13-25)
No. 4: Who and What Will Be Destroyed at Armageddon? (*rs* pp. 46-7, first subheading)

Feb. 28 Written Review. Complete Isaiah 14 to 43

Song No. 33

Mar. 6 Bible reading: Isaiah 44 to 46

Song No. 45

No. 1: Job 1:1 to 2:13 (*si* p. 96, pars. 7-10)
No. 2: Isaiah 46
No. 3: Who Will Survive Armageddon? (*rs* p. 47)
No. 4: Armageddon—No Violation of God's Love (*rs* p. 48, first subheading)

Mar. 13 Bible reading: Isaiah 47 to 49

Song No. 146

No. 1: Job 3:1 to 14:22 (*si* pp. 96-7, pars. 11-17)
No. 2: Isaiah 48:1-19
No. 3: Religion That Is Not Good (*pe* chap. 3, pars. 1-10)
No. 4: No Neutral Position Possible at Armageddon (*rs* p. 48, second subheading)

Mar. 20 Bible reading: Isaiah 50 to 53

Song No. 3

No. 1: Job 15:1 to 25:6 (*si* pp. 97-8, pars. 18-26)
No. 2: Isaiah 52
No. 3: Whose Influence Is Pushing Nations Toward the Armageddon Situation? (*rs* pp. 48-9)
No. 4: Identifying the Babylon of Revelation (*rs* p. 49)

Mar. 27 Bible reading: Isaiah 54 to 57

Song No. 114

No. 1: Job 26:1 to 37:24 (*si* pp. 98-9, pars. 27-35)
No. 2: Isaiah 55:1-13
No. 3: What Makes Religion Pleasing to God? (*pe* chap. 3, pars. 11-22)
No. 4: For What Was Ancient Babylon Noted? (*rs* p. 50, first subheading)

Apr. 3 Bible reading: Isaiah 58 to 62

Song No. 143

No. 1: Job 38:1 to 42:17 (*si* p. 99, pars. 36-38)
No. 2: Isaiah 60:4-22
No. 3: Why Professed Christian Religions Are Part of Babylon the Great (*rs* pp. 52-3)
No. 4: Why It Is Urgent to Get Out of Babylon the Great (*rs* p. 53)

Apr. 10 Bible reading: Isaiah 63 to 66

Song No. 41

No. 1: Psalms: Who Wrote Them and When? (*si* pp. 101-2, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Isaiah 65:8-25
No. 3: God—Who Is He? (*pe* chap. 4, pars. 1-17)
No. 4: What Baptism Is and Why Believers Get Baptized (*rs* p. 54, first subheading)

Apr. 17 Bible reading: Jeremiah 1 to 3

Song No. 70

No. 1: Psalms: Their Characteristics and Authenticity (*si* p. 102, pars. 7-11)
No. 2: Jeremiah 1:1-19
No. 3: Christian Baptism—Not by Sprinkling, Not for Infants (*rs* pp. 54-5, first subheading)
No. 4: Water Baptism Does Not Forgive Sins (*rs* p. 55)

Apr. 24 Written Review. Complete Isaiah 44 to Jeremiah 3

Song No. 135

May 1 Bible reading: Jeremiah 4 to 6

Song No. 112

- **No. 1:** Psalms 1 to 72 (*si* pp. 102-3, pars. 12-14)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 5:1-17
- **No. 3:** God's Name and Purpose (*pe* chap. 4, pars. 18-31)
- **No. 4:** Who Is Baptized With Holy Spirit? (*rs* p. 56, first subheading)

May 8 Bible reading: Jeremiah 7 to 9

Song No. 5

- **No. 1:** Psalms 73 to 106 (*si* p. 103, pars. 15-17)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 9:12-26
- **No. 3:** Baptism by Fire Not Same as by Holy Spirit (*rs* pp. 57-8)
- **No. 4:** Reasons for Considering the Bible (*rs* pp. 58-9)

May 15 Bible reading: Jeremiah 10 to 12

Song No. 205

- **No. 1:** Psalms 107 to 150 (*si* p. 104, pars. 18-22)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 10:6-25
- **No. 3:** What Jesus Accomplished on Earth (*pe* chap. 6, pars. 1-19)
- **No. 4:** Proof From Isaiah of the Bible's Inspiration (*rs* pp. 60-1, par. 1)

May 22 Bible reading: Jeremiah 13 to 15

Song No. 46

- **No. 1:** Proverbs: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 106-7, pars. 1-5)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 15:6-20
- **No. 3:** Fulfillment of Jesus' Prophecies Prove Bible's Inspiration (*rs* pp. 61-2)
- **No. 4:** Bible Is Scientifically Sound (*rs* pp. 62-3)

May 29 Bible reading: Jeremiah 16 to 19

Song No. 170

- **No. 1:** Proverbs: Characteristics and Authenticity (*si* pp. 107-8, pars. 6-11)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 17:1-18
- **No. 3:** Jesus' Miracles—What They Mean to Us (*pe* chap. 6, pars. 20-28)
- **No. 4:** Answering Objections to Belief in the Bible (*rs* pp. 64-5)

June 5 Bible reading: Jeremiah 20 to 22

Song No. 59

- **No. 1:** Proverbs 1:1 to 9:18 (*si* p. 108, pars. 12, 13)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 20:1-13
- **No. 3:** The Bible Is Practical for Our Day (*rs* p. 66)
- **No. 4:** Why Do Christians Not Celebrate Birthdays? (*rs* pp. 68-9)

June 12 Bible reading: Jeremiah 23 to 25

Song No. 37

- **No. 1:** Proverbs 10:1 to 24:34 (*si* pp. 108-9, pars. 14, 15)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 25:15, 16, 27-38
- **No. 3:** Why We Are Here (*pe* chap. 7, pars. 1-18)
- **No. 4:** Why Do Christians Abstain From Blood? (*rs* pp. 70-1)

June 19 Bible reading: Jeremiah 26 to 28

Song No. 51

- **No. 1:** Proverbs 25:1 to 31:31 (*si* p. 109, pars. 16-18)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 28:1-17
- **No. 3:** Why Do Christians Not Accept Blood Transfusions? (*rs* pp. 72-3)
- **No. 4:** Answering Objections to the Bible's View on Blood (*rs* pp. 74-6)

June 26 Written Review. Complete Jeremiah 4 to 28

Song No. 107

July 3 Bible reading: Jeremiah 29 to 31

Song No. 25

- **No. 1:** Ecclesiastes: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 111-12, pars. 1-8)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 31:23-40
- **No. 3:** What Happens at Death? (*pe* chap. 8, pars. 1-14)
- **No. 4:** What Does It Mean to Be "Born Again"? (*rs* pp. 76-7)

July 10 Bible reading: Jeremiah 32 and 33

Song No. 172

- **No. 1:** Ecclesiastes 1:1 to 7:29 (*si* pp. 112-13, pars. 9-12)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 33:1-3, 10-26
- **No. 3:** Salvation Not Dependent Upon Being "Born Again" (*rs* pp. 77-8)
- **No. 4:** "Born Again"—Dealing With Misconceptions (*rs* pp. 79-80)

July 17 Bible reading: Jeremiah 34 to 37

Song No. 221

- **No. 1:** Ecclesiastes 8:1 to 12:14 (*si* p. 113, pars. 13, 14)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 37:3-21
- **No. 3:** What Kind of Place Is Hell? (*pe* chap. 9, pars. 1-22)
- **No. 4:** Confessing to Priests: Why Not Scriptural? (*rs* pp. 80-1)

July 24 Bible reading: Jeremiah 38 to 41

Song No. 11

- **No. 1:** Song of Solomon: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* p. 115, pars. 1-4)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 39:1-18
- **No. 3:** Confessing Sins Against God and Man (*rs* p. 83, first and second subheadings)
- **No. 4:** Why Should Serious Sins Be Confessed to Elders? (*rs* pp. 83-4)

July 31 Bible reading: Jeremiah 42 to 45

Song No. 175

- **No. 1:** Song of Solomon 1:1 to 8:14 (*si* pp. 115-17, pars. 5-15)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 44:20-30; 45:1-5
- **No. 3:** Who Are the Wicked Spirits? (*pe* chap. 10, pars. 1-12)
- **No. 4:** Why Is It Reasonable to Believe in Creation? (*rs* pp. 84-6)

Aug. 7 Bible reading: Jeremiah 46 to 48

Song No. 79

- **No. 1:** Isaiah: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* p. 118, pars. 1-4)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 46:13-28
- **No. 3:** Understanding the Bible's Account of Creation (*rs* pp. 86-8)
- **No. 4:** Why Is Veneration of the Cross Unscriptural? (*rs* pp. 92-3, par. 1)

Aug. 14 Bible reading: Jeremiah 49 and 50

Song No. 166

- **No. 1:** Isaiah: Its Unity and Authenticity (*si* pp. 118-19, pars. 5-8)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 50:1-16
- **No. 3:** Be Informed and Resist Wicked Spirits (*pe* chap. 10, pars. 13-19)
- **No. 4:** Why Do Humans Die? (*rs* pp. 98-9, first subheading)

Aug. 21 Bible reading: Jeremiah 51 and 52

Song No. 4

- **No. 1:** Isaiah 1:1 to 6:13 (*si* p. 119, pars. 9-11)
- **No. 2:** Jeremiah 52:1-16
- **No. 3:** Where Are the Dead and What Is Their Condition? (*rs* pp. 99-100)
- **No. 4:** Why Do Jehovah's Witnesses Not Share in Traditional Mourning Customs? (*rs* pp. 102-3)

Aug. 28 Written Review. Complete Jeremiah 29 to 52

Song No. 42

Sept. 4 Bible reading: Lamentations 1 and 2

Song No. 47

No. 1: Isaiah 7:1 to 14:27 (*si* pp. 119-20, pars. 12-14)

No. 2: Lamentations 1:1-18

No. 3: Why Has God Permitted Wickedness? (*pe* chap. 11, pars. 1-14)

No. 4: Refuting Misconceptions Regarding Death (*rs* pp. 103-4)

Sept. 11 Bible reading: Lamentations 3 to 5

Song No. 140

No. 1: Isaiah 14:28 to 27:13 (*si* p. 120, pars. 15-17)

No. 2: Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-33

No. 3: Dreams: Inspired and Otherwise (*rs* pp. 104-6)

No. 4: Drugs: When Forbidden to Christians (*rs* pp. 106-7)

Sept. 18 Bible reading: Ezekiel 1 to 4

Song No. 160

No. 1: Isaiah 28:1 to 35:10 (*si* pp. 120-1, pars. 18-20)

No. 2: Ezekiel 3:10-27

No. 3: You Are Involved in a Vital Issue (*pe* chap. 12, pars. 1-17)

No. 4: Why Christians Avoid Marijuana (*rs* pp. 108-9, first subheading)

Sept. 25 Bible reading: Ezekiel 5 to 8

Song No. 61

No. 1: Isaiah 36:1 to 39:8 (*si* p. 121, pars. 21-23)

No. 2: Ezekiel 8:5-18

No. 3: Why Do Christians Avoid Tobacco? (*rs* pp. 109-11, first subheading)

No. 4: Nations Will Not Frustrate God's Purpose Regarding Earth (*rs* pp. 112-13)

Oct. 2 Bible reading: Ezekiel 9 to 11

Song No. 91

No. 1: Isaiah 40:1 to 48:22 (*si* p. 121, pars. 24, 25)

No. 2: Ezekiel 9:1-11

No. 3: The Importance of God's Government (*pe* chap. 13, pars. 1-9)

No. 4: Will Jehovah Destroy the Earth by Fire? (*rs* pp. 113-15)

Oct. 9 Bible reading: Ezekiel 12 to 14

Song No. 6

No. 1: Isaiah 49:1 to 59:21 (*si* pp. 121-2, pars. 26-29)

No. 2: Ezekiel 14:6-23

No. 3: Members of New Jerusalem Not to Return to Earth After Wicked Are Destroyed (*rs* pp. 115-16)

No. 4: Has God's Original Purpose for Earth Changed? (*rs* pp. 116-17)

Oct. 16 Bible reading: Ezekiel 15 and 16

Song No. 182

No. 1: Isaiah 60:1 to 66:24 (*si* p. 122, pars. 30-33)

No. 2: Ezekiel 16:44-63

No. 3: Arranging for God's Government (*pe* chap. 13, pars. 10-18)

No. 4: How Can We Encourage Sick Ones? (*rs* p. 117)

Oct. 23 Bible reading: Ezekiel 17 to 19

Song No. 185

No. 1: Jeremiah: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 124-5, pars. 1-6)

No. 2: Ezekiel 18:19-32

No. 3: How We Can Encourage Bereaved Ones (*rs* p. 118)

No. 4: Encouragement for Those Persecuted for Doing God's Will (*rs* pp. 118-19)

Oct. 30 Written Review. Complete Lamentations 1 to Ezekiel 19

Song No. 217

Nov. 6 Bible reading: Ezekiel 20 and 21

Song No. 27

No. 1: Jeremiah 1:1 to 6:30 (*si* p. 125, pars. 7-10)

No. 2: Ezekiel 20:27-44

No. 3: Who Go to Heaven, and Why? (*pe* chap. 14, pars. 1-20)

No. 4: How Can You Encourage Those Disheartened by Injustices? (*rs* pp. 119-20)

Nov. 13 Bible reading: Ezekiel 22 and 23

Song No. 103

No. 1: Jeremiah 7:1 to 12:17 (*si* pp. 125-6, pars. 11-14)

No. 2: Ezekiel 22:17-31

No. 3: What Encouragement for Those Pressed by Economic Problems? (*rs* p. 120)

No. 4: Encouragement for Those Disheartened by Shortcomings (*rs* pp. 120-1)

Nov. 20 Bible reading: Ezekiel 24 to 26

Song No. 207

No. 1: Jeremiah 13:1 to 19:15 (*si* p. 126, pars. 15-17)

No. 2: Ezekiel 25:1-17

No. 3: What Is Required to Be a Subject of God's Government? (*pe* chap. 15, pars. 1-19)

No. 4: Evolution: A Scientific Dilemma (*rs* pp. 121-2)

Nov. 27 Bible reading: Ezekiel 27 to 29

Song No. 180

No. 1: Jeremiah 20:1 to 25:38 (*si* pp. 126-7, pars. 18-23)

No. 2: Ezekiel 28:1-19

No. 3: Evolution and the Fossil Record (*rs* pp. 123-4)

No. 4: Refuting Evolutionists' Common Objections (*rs* pp. 126-7)

Dec. 4 Bible reading: Ezekiel 30 to 32

Song No. 14

No. 1: Jeremiah 26:1 to 34:22 (*si* pp. 127-8, pars. 24-26)

No. 2: Ezekiel 31:1-18

No. 3: What Marked the Beginning of Kingdom Rule? (*pe* chap. 16, pars. 1-13)

No. 4: Why Do Many People Lack Faith? (*rs* pp. 129-30)

Dec. 11 Bible reading: Ezekiel 33 and 34

Song No. 144

No. 1: Jeremiah 35:1 to 44:30 (*si* p. 128, pars. 27-31)

No. 2: Ezekiel 34:1-16

No. 3: How Can a Person Acquire Faith? (*rs* pp. 130-1, par. 3)

No. 4: Faith in Prospect of Righteous New System Proved by Works (*rs* pp. 131-2)

Dec. 18 Bible reading: Ezekiel 35 to 37

Song No. 195

No. 1: Jeremiah 45:1 to 52:34 (*si* pp. 128-9, pars. 32-36)

No. 2: Ezekiel 37:10-28

No. 3: Identifying the Time for Kingdom Rule to Begin (*pe* chap. 16, pars. 14-22)

No. 4: How Can False Prophets Be Identified? (*rs* pp. 132-3, first subheading)

Dec. 25 Written Review. Complete Ezekiel 20 to 37

Song No. 155

Announcements

- Literature offer for **October**: One-year subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower,* or both, for contribution of $5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions and subscriptions for monthly editions are $2.50 each. **November**: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for contribution of $4.50. **December**: *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50. The *"Look!"* brochure can also be offered for a contribution of 30¢. **January and February:** Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of $1.00. May include *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.*
- With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we are including the *Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1988.* This will enable school overseers to become familiar with the instructions and make assignments well in advance. All should become familiar with the instructions so as to prepare and present assignments properly.
- Congregations should begin ordering *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1988* with their October literature order. (See 1987 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) *Examining the Scriptures* booklets will be available in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Samoan, Spanish, Swedish, and Tagalog. Until these booklets are available and shipments are made, they will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at 30¢ each, which is the publisher rate. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1987, may receive one free copy and obtain additional copies at 20¢ each. A separate entry should be made on the monthly remittance form (S-20), showing free copies to pioneers. (See the 1987 *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.)
- New Publications Available:

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—1987 Edition (Regular; *bi12* with marginal references)	—French
Aid to Bible Understanding (Volume 7, Ri-Zo)	—French
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!	—Polish
"Look! I Am Making All Things New"	—Malagasy, Polish
The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever	—Polish
Tract No. 13	—Dutch, French, German, Swedish

- A quarterly edition (four issues per year) of the *Awake!* magazine in Hungarian is being made available by the Society. Congregations should send in a Distributors' Order form (M-202) listing the quantity they will require. Please note there is no subscription arrangement for this quarterly magazine.

Use New Releases to Do God's Will

[1] Without doubt, Jehovah God has 'equipped us with every good thing to do his will.' Accordingly, as we effectively use the things he provides, Jehovah 'performs in us through Jesus Christ that which is well-pleasing in his sight.'—Heb. 13: 20, 21.

[2] The modern history of his people clearly shows that Jehovah God has provided direction and has equipped us with the publications we need in order to accomplish the work he has given us to do. (Matt. 24:14; 28: 19, 20; Rev. 9:17, 19) Jehovah has blessed the effective use of these provisions, and the Christian congregation continues to experience outstanding growth.

NEW RELEASES

[3] Recently, at our "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions, we were thrilled to receive new publications to help others establish their trust in God. At the close of his address Friday morning, the chairman released a new tract, *Why You Can Trust the Bible.* Then, in the afternoon appropriate demonstrations showed us how to use it.

[4] Have you been using this tract? It goes well with our current Topic for Conversation. Some who need to use a simple presentation will find this tract very helpful. Most of us will be able to use it effectively in our ministry in a variety of ways—perhaps to introduce our presentation, to offer when a householder is busy, and to leave when we find no one at home.

[5] It was a pleasure to know that three more tracts are now available. They are *What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?, Life in a Peaceful New World,* and *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?* These tracts will also help others learn what the Bible teaches and why they can trust God's promises. Be sure to carry some of them with you for use in both regular and informal witnessing.

[6] A most treasured new release at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention is the pocket edition of the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.* Over the years, we have used different Bibles in the field ministry, but now we have one that can be carried in pocket or purse. Here is another evidence that Jehovah God has 'equipped us with every good thing to do his will.' So whether we are engaging in the regular features of service or witnessing informally, we can have a copy of God's Word handy to support what we express. How happy we are to have this new pocket edition of the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures!*

PUT THEM TO GOOD USE

[7] These new convention releases brought forth spontaneous applause when they were announced. Immediately we could see the good to be accomplished in the preaching and teaching work with the aid of these timely provisions from Jehovah, 'the Giver of every good and perfect gift.' (Jas. 1:17) To the extent that we use these publications, we can expect our joy to increase because of the fine Kingdom fruitage that will result.—John 15:8.

[8] Taking a lesson from Jesus' parable of the talents, we know that Jehovah expects us to put to good use all that he has given us. Therefore, let us fully accomplish our ministry with the use of his provisions, including these new releases. As a result, we will receive our Lord's approval and blessing.

Cassette *(Cont'd)*

following the same procedure as for regular subscriptions.

[5] For the benefit of the blind and those physically unable to use or read conventionally printed matter, the Society is making *The Watchtower* on cassette available at a reduced rate that is less than production cost. Those qualified for this reduced rate will receive their cassettes postage free as "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped." In order to qualify, it will be necessary to provide certification of impairment with each reduced-rate subscription. This may be in the form of a certificate, such as provided by organizations for the blind, doctors, rehabilitation professionals, and so forth. Or the congregation secretary, on the basis of his personal acquaintance with the subscriber, may sign the certification statement on the reverse side of the special subscription slip. Please note that illiteracy alone does not qualify one for the reduced rate.

[6] While *The Watchtower* on cassette will be most appreciated by those with visual impairment, the Society is pleased to make these cassette recordings available to any who may desire to benefit from *The Watchtower* on tape in addition to the printed magazine.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Special-Interest Articles in Our Magazines

[1] When Jesus foretold that "this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations," none of his disciples could have foreseen the scope of the work as we now see it being accomplished. (Matt. 24:14) There were no printing presses in those days, nor could anyone have conceived of MEPS (Multilanguage Electronic Phototypesetting System), which is currently capable of setting type in 186 different languages.

[2] Watch Tower publications are making the good news available to interested people everywhere. *The Watchtower* is published in 103 languages with an average printing of 12,315,000, and *Awake!* is now in 54 languages with an average printing of 10,610,000. It is our privilege to use these magazines in presenting this good news to "all sorts of men." —1 Tim. 2:4.

FEATURE SPECIAL-INTEREST ARTICLES

[3] When you get a new issue of the magazines, do you enjoy reading it through in order to find out how Jehovah is benefiting us by the material prepared? (Isa. 48:17) After that, why not decide which article you would like to present in the field and thus be ready for service? Perhaps you will note something that would be of particular interest to certain people in your territory. A judge in Ohio wrote a letter of appreciation to a Witness couple who brought him an issue of *Awake!* dealing with the problem of drinking and driving.

[4] In addition to presenting the magazines from house to house, do you show articles you find particularly interesting to people where you work? Do you visit business places to offer the magazines at times when the proprietors are not rushed? Do you share the truth with others on the streets as you have occasion? Many brothers and sisters, including those who find it difficult to climb stairs in city territory, do this work very effectively, approaching people who cannot be reached otherwise. In this way they give a modern application to Proverbs 1:20.

A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

[5] When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman who had come to a well for water, he said: "If you had known . . . who it is that says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." (John 4:7-10) Just as that woman did not know Jesus or the life-giving truth he had, so the people today may not know who we are or the importance of the message we bring them. Jesus spoke with the people on every appropriate occasion and everywhere—a good example for us to follow.

[6] As we enjoy the fine spiritual food in the well-illustrated magazines now reaching us, may we do what we can to share it with others! They too may respond as did the Samaritan woman who said to Jesus: "Sir, give me this water." Indeed, those now receiving with appreciation this fine spiritual food may finally be guided to the "fountains of waters of life." —John 4:11-15; Rev. 7:17.

Help Others *(Cont'd)*

power. Use it to move the students to associate with God's people at meetings, assemblies, conventions, and otherwise. This will help them develop a desire to have a close personal relationship with Jehovah.

DO NOT DELAY

[6] The Ethiopian eunuch to whom Philip spoke did not delay in getting baptized. He searched his own mind and heart and asked Philip if there were any factors that prevented him from getting baptized. Finding no cause for delay, he promptly got baptized. (Acts 8:26-38) That is the spirit we want to cultivate in Bible students today.—Compare John 14:23; 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15.

[7] Only those 'marked' for salvation will survive into Jehovah's new system. (Ezek. 9:2-6) How happy those who submit to this 'marking' for survival will be because of their dedicated relationship with Jehovah God, as symbolized by water baptism!

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

October 4: Pages 23, par. 7 to 26, (2)
October 11: Pages 26, (3) to 30, par. 4
October 18: Pages 31, par. 5 to 33, (4)
October 25: Pages 33, par. 9 to 39, par. 4

Numbers in parentheses refer to questions within the text.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	219	121.9	83.2	49.1	5.5
Pios.	51,482	72.3	37.0	25.4	2.8
Aux. Pios.	33,953	60.0	29.8	15.2	1.3
Pubs.	658,114	10.0	6.9	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	743,768				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 9,188

Reprint of *Watchtower* Bound Volumes

[1] What a wonderful provision the *Watch Tower Publications Index* 1930-1985 is for research and study! However, many brothers do not have in their personal or Kingdom Hall library all the publications referred to in the *Index*. In order to help provide some of this material, the Society is planning a reprint of *The Watchtower* bound volumes for the years 1960 through 1979, in English only. These reprints will be produced as we are able to work them into our schedule. It is our intention to make these available five volumes at a time. Orders for the years 1960 through 1964 will be accepted during November.

[2] The Society does not intend to stock a supply of these reprint volumes. Therefore, we urge all to consider the matter carefully and place orders for what they need. If congregations decide to stock one or two volumes for future needs, these should be paid for out of the congregation cash account and not kept on the shelf at the Society's expense. Since these are controlled stock items, they are to be paid for upon receipt. The price will be $6.00 each. The Literature Order form (S-14 6/87) lists the volumes that are available for ordering at this time.

[3] Congregations and individuals desiring to have these volumes for their library should determine the total number of volumes they desire for each year and submit their request through the congregation. The total quantity should be entered on the Literature Order form (S-14) and be submitted during the month of November. The reprint volumes will be shown as back ordered on the congregation invoice until they are shipped.

[4] The Society will announce each group of bound volumes to be made available. Please be guided by such future announcements, and place your orders accordingly. At this time, do not place orders other than for the five years now being made available. The presiding overseer and the secretary should make sure that everyone has an opportunity to order the volumes desired and see that this order is placed during the month of November.

[5] We trust that these *Watchtower* reprints will enhance the value of the *Watch Tower Publications Index* 1930-1985 by making available many spiritual treasures the organization has provided.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 2-8

How would you

1. Introduce new Topic for Conversation?
2. Involve the householder in consideration of scriptures?

NOVEMBER 9-15

Offering the *"Kingdom Come"* book

1. What points from the book can be highlighted?
2. What if the householder has it?

NOVEMBER 16-22

Offering the *New World Translation*

1. How will you offer the Bible?
2. What can you highlight?

NOVEMBER 23-29

Witnessing during holiday period

1. How will you offer literature?
2. What magazine articles will you feature?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Religion That Has Real Value.

2 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5—A mere form of worship is not enough.

John 4:23—Religion that God approves.

OUTSTANDING NEW PEAKS

773,219 Publishers in August

The 1987 service year came to a close in August with a new peak of 773,219 publishers. This is an increase of 26,263 over last April's report. Truly this gives us cause for rejoicing. The new peak of 53,143 regular pioneers in the field is an additional cause for rejoicing. As we move forward in the ministry, may we continue to put our trust in Jehovah's holy name!—Ps. 33:21.

Seeking the Kingdom First

[1] Every reasonable person wants to enjoy a long life under peaceful conditions. This is a normal desire, and such may be attained by 'seeking the Kingdom first.' (Matt. 6:33) However, instead of seeking the Kingdom, people today do so many things that detract from enjoyment of life. Overindulgences and excesses seem to be the order of the day. Dangers to life itself abound. Disruptive violence and civil disorders have spread to parts of the earth once noted for a more tranquil way of life.

[2] Still, we know that if a person gives priority to 'seeking the Kingdom,' his life will be affected for good. Jehovah will lengthen his days and add years to his life.—Prov. 3:1, 2.

VALUABLE ASSISTANCE

[3] During the month of November, we will be working to help people seek the Kingdom and pursue the goal of life by offering the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with the excellent Bible study aid *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for the contribution of $4.50. What a privilege we have to help others in this way! We want to be ready with talking points that might stimulate interest in righteoushearted ones and help them to see how these publications will be beneficial to them in seeking the Kingdom first. What can we say?

[4] If the householder appears to be religiously inclined, after introducing yourself you may wish to say: "People who are interested in improving their way of life may show this by following a particular religion. But many who do so are still unhappy. Why is this so? The Bible gives us this reply: [Read 2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 5.] It is readily seen from what we have read that merely having a form of worship is not enough. Well, what does God expect of us? Notice the answer given here at John 4:23: [Read.] The Bible itself will help you to learn more about the religion that has real value. May I leave you this easy-to-understand translation along with this book for $4.50?"

[5] If the edition of the *New World Translation* you are offering includes the feature "Bible Topics for Discussion" in the back, you may suggest that the householder make use of this to get clear insight into each subject under discussion by referring to the cited scriptures.

[6] You may find a person who already has the *New World Translation.* If so, then simply try to interest him in a copy of the *"Kingdom Come"* book. You might say: "Certainly belief in God's Kingdom would be an important part of the religion that God approves. May I offer you this book that is designed to familiarize you with the many references to the Kingdom found in the Bible you have already? It is yours for just $1.00."

OUR GOAL

[7] Our goal is to help honesthearted ones learn about Jehovah and motivate them to seek the Kingdom first. This will build up their hope of life under righteous conditions. Offering the modern-language *New World Translation* and the *"Kingdom Come"* book with its clear, direct, and yet appealing style will help us reach our goal. Let us be enthusiastic in performing our ministry!

Helping Inactive Ones

[1] One of Jesus' parables is about a shepherd's leaving 99 sheep to go in search of one that was lost. Do you recall his statement as to what would result from finding the one that was lost? "And if he happens to find it, I certainly tell you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that have not strayed." (Matt. 18:13) Such joyfulness has been experienced by many congregations when inactive ones have returned to the flock of God.

[2] In the past few years, additional attention has been given to assisting those who have become inactive. Overseers have the responsibility to pay attention to all the flock. (Acts 20:28) For this reason, they have taken the initiative to visit inactive ones. As a result, many have responded to these loving efforts and have become active Kingdom proclaimers again. Are there still some in your congregation who have become inactive in recent years? What can be done to help them?

WHAT CAN BE DONE

[3] The service overseer and the secretary take the lead in coordinating efforts to care for inactive persons. The elders should arrange their affairs to make the initial visit. In some cases, it may be that the inactive one would appreciate having someone conduct a Bible study with him. If so, the service overseer would determine who should be assigned to conduct the study. Perhaps the one who originally studied with the person or someone he has known and respected would be in a good position to help. If

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 1

Song 172

10 min: Selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements.

25 min: "Seeking the Kingdom First." Questions and answers. Have an experienced publisher demonstrate presentation in paragraph 4.

10 min: Question Box. Discussion with audience by presiding overseer. Highlight information regarding which books may be used in home Bible studies. Those mentioned should be used if available in the language of the student.

Song 146 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 8

Song 71

8 min: Local announcements, August field service report, including "Outstanding New Peaks," and accounts report. Mention Society acknowledgment of all contributions, including donations to Society Kingdom Hall Fund and for missionary travel.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Handling Conversation Stoppers." Questions and answers. As time permits, briefly demonstrate suggestions for handling conversation stoppers.

15 min: Encouragement From the Pioneers. Interview two or three who have taken up the regular pioneer work during the past year. What motivated them to enroll as pioneers? What obstacles were in their way and how did they overcome them? What encouragement would they offer to others who want to enter the pioneer work? Auxiliary pioneers may be interviewed similarly if there are no new regular pioneers in the congregation.

BB

7 min: Examining the Scriptures Daily. Talk based on the day's text and comments. Encourage daily consideration of text. Invite all to share in weekend magazine-day activity.

Song 21 and concluding prayer.

JT-JM

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 15

Song 221

TR

7 min: Local announcements. Announce special field service arrangements for November 26 where this is a designated holiday.

PM

18 min: "Helping Inactive Ones." Question-and-answer discussion. In connection with paragraph 4, service overseer gives a five-minute demonstration of how he sets up visits and what publication will be used by the two elders making the initial call.

ARTW

20 min: Youths, Do You Have Spiritual Goals? Talk by experienced brother, encouraging young persons to set spiritual goals. Many tempting worldly goals face youths today. World exerts strong influence. What attitude should we have toward these temptations? (1 John 2:15, 16) Why? (1 John 2:17) Since world is passing away, it would be unwise to pursue riches and a position in this world. (1 Tim. 6:9, 10) Instead, we should be active in Jehovah's service today. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Could set goals such as reaching national average of hours for publishers, making return visits, conducting a Bible study, getting baptized, helping other young ones, helping the elderly, auxiliary pioneering, regular pioneering, serving where the need is greater, missionary service, and Bethel service. (Matt. 6:33) Why is a lifetime of serving Jehovah the best goal to have? (Eccl. 12:1) By setting spiritual goals, we receive help from Jehovah and draw close to him and his Son. (Jas. 4:8) Interview two or three exemplary youths who are pursuing spiritual goals in their life and have been blessed by doing so, or interview older ones who have set goals and achieved them.

Song 183 and concluding prayer.

RJ-ES

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 22

Song 48 JT Hall Clean

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Announce arrangements for magazine-day service.

DW

20 min: "Doing the Necessary Things to Please God." Question-and-answer coverage.

ES

15 min: Local needs. Secretary may discuss reporting field service time and Bible studies. Stress that individual reports are due promptly at the end of each month.

Song 96 and concluding prayer.

Helping *(Cont'd)*

an entire family is involved, it may be that an elder or a qualified ministerial servant could be asked to study with them. An inactive sister may be assisted by an experienced sister. A young person may respond to a young ministerial servant or a capable pioneer. The service overseer may recommend that certain subjects or an entire publication be studied. The objective is to give needed help. The service overseer may use whoever is in the best position to do that.

4 Some elders have found it beneficial on the initial call to review the article "Return to the Shepherd of Your Souls" in the May 1, 1982, *Watchtower*. Jehovah's mercy can be highlighted and upbuilding experiences about those who have returned to Jehovah can be shared. In the case of a youth who has become inactive, the article entitled "Bring Your Heart Back to Jehovah" that appeared in the October 1, 1982, *Watchtower* may be helpful. Thereafter, a regular Bible study may be arranged.

5 Publishers who are given the responsibility and privilege to conduct such studies should take a personal interest in these individuals. Develop a friendship with them. Highlight the importance of regaining their spiritual strength. Help them to appreciate that Jehovah, out of his love and concern for them, has arranged for this personal assistance through his organization.

6 Although certain publishers will be asked to assist inactive ones, this does not mean that others cannot help also. All can take the initiative to greet these persons when they come to the Kingdom Hall and engage in upbuilding conversation with them. Show that we are happy to have them with us and that we hope they will continue progressing. This loving interest should continue to be shown as they make spiritual progress. Positive results have been obtained by such united efforts.—Eph. 4:16.

7 Yes, we certainly rejoice to see formerly inactive ones associating with us again. This is especially true for those who have been able to render some personal assistance. It is our prayer that Jehovah will richly bless our efforts to "work what is good" toward those inactive ones who are "related to us in the faith."—Gal. 6:10.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **November:** *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for contribution of $4.50. **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50. The *"Look!"* brochure can also be offered for a contribution of 30¢. **January and February:** Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of $1.00. May include *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.*
- It is important that brothers planning charters to visit Brooklyn Bethel or Watchtower Farms first correspond by mail with the offices at each location. Please provide information on the number coming and the dates for each location. The Society will provide directions and the route chartered buses must take. Address your mail to the Bethel Office, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or Route 1, Box 300, Wallkill, NY 12589.
- Congregations should begin ordering the *1988 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* on their November literature orders. (The 1987 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10, gives date congregation should submit order.) The *Yearbook* will be available in Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Until the *Yearbook* is available and shipments are made, it will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Yearbooks* are controlled stock items (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) and will cost $1.00 for congregation and public; 50¢ for pioneers. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1987, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 8, Sin-Z) —German
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Cebuano, Iloko, Tagalog
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Shona
  - *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* —Fijian
  - Tract No. 14 —Danish, French
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The First of Kings* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *The Two Babylons* —English
  - *Is There a God Who Cares?* —Japanese
- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:
  - *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1988* (four volumes: $5.00)
  - *Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1988* (free upon request)

To obtain Braille publications, please send a separate order to the Society's BRAILLE DESK, giving the name and address of the person who will use them. Include remittance for purchase. Do not include with congregation orders for printed literature.

Doing the Necessary Things to Please God

[1] Pleasing our Creator is of primary importance to us, for "Jehovah is finding pleasure in those fearing him." (Ps. 147:11) Our desire is to please the true God, as Enoch did. (Heb. 11:5) There are some necessary things that we must do. These would include 'abstaining from blood,' in accord with the divine command recorded at Acts 15:28, 29. As you will recall, this matter was recently considered at our 1987 "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions.

[2] Being admitted into a hospital, especially in an emergency situation, can bring about circumstances that severely test our faith and integrity. Preparation must be made in advance in order to minimize difficulties that may arise. For example, it is vital that you always carry an up-to-date medical card that is properly filled out and signed. Another very important precautionary step is to be sure that your doctor is informed in advance, if possible, of your nonnegotiable stand on the blood issue.

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

[3] Reports show that some have been lax in talking with their doctor in advance, before an emergency arises. Although they may have informed their doctor that they are Jehovah's Witnesses, they failed to explain clearly their position regarding the use of blood, and they did not determine whether he would respect their wishes. If you have a doctor but have not personally talked to him about such matters, you should do so the next time you visit him. If it does not appear that you will otherwise visit your doctor in the foreseeable future, it is recommended that you endeavor to make an appointment at your earliest convenience.

[4] At the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention, practical suggestions were given as to things that should be discussed with your doctor, as well as the manner in which this should be done. Emphasis was placed on the need to show respect for the position of doctors, not being antagonistic or displaying a superior attitude. Such a negative approach would be unwise and self-defeating. Compared to our doctor, we may be experts in God's Word, but we should give him due honor as an expert in medical matters. (1 Pet. 2:17) Please do not discuss nutritional and other nonmedical treatments with medical doctors in the context of our stand on blood. Your individual views on such matters may cause them to lose sight of the fact that your position regarding the use of blood is primarily a Scriptural stand.

WHAT TO SAY

[5] When you next visit your doctor, tell him that you have a *brief* but very important matter to discuss with him before getting to any medical reason for your visit. Then cover the following eight points outlined at the "Trust in Jehovah" convention: (1) You appreciate his skill and your good relationship with him as your doctor. (2) You have a fundamental conviction that he needs to be aware of. (3) For religious reasons you absolutely cannot take a blood transfusion, even in an emergency. (4) You realize this may complicate things, but you cannot alter this ethical stand. You hope he will offer his best treatment within this limitation, as many other physicians are doing. (5) This also applies to any other doctor he may arrange to care for you. (6) You will accept any added risk and sign release forms, and you request that your position be written into office and hospital records. (7) Provide him a copy of the article reprinted from a medical journal in *Awake!*, June 22, 1982, pages 25-7. (8) You appreciate the opportunity to explain this position, which is so important to you now and in the future. These eight points should be presented briefly, in a nonargumentative, serious, and appreciative manner. Your congregation will have received copies of the reprint of the medical article.

[6] Experience has shown that such advance efforts toward establishing a good relationship with doctors and clearly informing them of your stand is very helpful when an emergency arises. If your resolute position is presented in a reasonable and respectful manner, your doctor is more likely to be understanding and cooperative. Our complying with Jehovah's commandments will be pleasing to Him and will result in His continued blessing.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	191	125.0	85.6	50.7	5.2
Pios.	53,143	60.6	29.9	21.2	2.6
Aux. Pios.	34,182	59.2	28.4	15.3	1.4
Pubs.	685,703	9.9	6.7	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	773,219				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,521

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Handling Conversation Stoppers

1 With *each* opportunity we have to give a Kingdom witness, our heartfelt desire should be to present the message in the best, most effective, way possible. Even in the face of difficult circumstances, Hebrews 13:15 reminds us: "Let us *always* offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name." Our readiness to make skillful use of the *Reasoning* book in handling conversation stoppers will improve the quality of our ministry.

2 There may be several reasons why a householder might use a potential conversation stopper. While many persons may be sincere, others are deliberately evasive or seek to break up the effectiveness and continuity of our presentations. If we are familiar with some of the suggestions in the *Reasoning* book, we can assess the situation quickly and respond appropriately. (Prov. 25:11; Isa. 50:4) This could pave the way for a fine witness that otherwise may have been missed if we were not prepared to meet this challenge. Why not give serious thought to how you might respond to some common potential conversation stoppers?

3 **"I'M NOT INTERESTED":** Notice that practically all the suggested responses on page 16 of the *Reasoning* book involve asking the householder some tactful, direct, and thought-provoking questions. This is a good approach, since it gets the householder talking. It may reveal his thinking and feelings. This, in turn, may help you to direct the conversation further.

4 When a person says "I'm not interested," have you ever asked: "Would you be interested if I could show you from the Bible how all crime, war, and racial tensions will be removed?" Try it. Others have had good success using such questions.

5 **"I'M BUSY":** As with all other potential conversation stoppers, this one can be briefly acknowledged and then used as a springboard to present an abbreviated message. Perhaps you might use the first suggestion on page 19: "Then I'll be very brief. I called to share just one important thought with you." You can then state the essence of the current Topic for Conversation on religion.

6 Where it is determined that the householder is genuinely busy, this should be recognized, and a thought-provoking question can be raised that you can offer to answer at another time. Using the latter approach, one publisher had the householder come looking for him, wanting an immediate answer to the question. Aren't such results worth the time and effort we might spend in preparing to handle potential obstacles we face in the ministry?

7 The opening comments on page 15 of the *Reasoning* book remind us that the Kingdom message is both thrilling and faith-strengthening. It has the ability to transform the lives of those who listen. Recognizing these facts, every Kingdom proclaimer should want to give a superior sacrifice, "the young bulls of our lips," when sharing in the witnessing work. (Hos. 14:2) Do not allow potential conversation stoppers to diminish the quality of your service or dampen your joy. Make good use of the *Reasoning* book as you present the good news.

Question Box

● Why should we study two? publications with new ones, even though they may get baptized before finishing both books?

As we teach the truth to new ones, some individuals will understand and accept it faster than others. Some may qualify for baptism in a relatively short period of time. However, it is important that all of those coming to know Jehovah be "filled with the accurate knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension, in order to walk worthily of Jehovah to the end of fully pleasing him.") (Col. 1:9, 10) By studying completely the *Live Forever* book and then *United in Worship* or ~~*True Peace*~~, new ones will be helped to do this.

Through an initial study of a book on fundamentals, followed by a book that covers Christian qualities, the student receives well-rounded-out knowledge. He also learns basic principles that govern personal conduct and worship vital to a person's becoming a true Christian. Each one coming into Jehovah's organization needs to become full grown in powers of understanding as to what is involved in basic Christianity.—1 Cor. 14:20. ?

Additionally, experience has shown that to be full grown in powers of understanding, the help of a mature teacher is needed. As important as it is to read the publications personally and attend meetings where they are studied, such does not always produce the "wisdom and spiritual comprehension" the new one needs for serving Jehovah acceptably. To achieve the stature of a full-grown man in powers of understanding, a personal Bible study *with a teacher* is essential. (Acts 8:30, 31) Thus, even though a person may get baptized before completing his study of the above-mentioned books, the course of wisdom dictates that his home Bible study should continue until he has completed the study of both books with one of Jehovah's Witnesses. The one conducting the study may report the time, the return visit, and the Bible study until the second book is finished, even though the student has been baptized. 7

WHY THESE 2 BOOKS?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

November 1: Pages 40, par. 5 to 45, par. 14
November 8: Pages 46, par. 1 to 52, par. 11
November 15: Pages 52, par. 12 to 57, par. 7
November 22: Pages 58, par. 8 to 65, par. 8
November 29: Pages 65, par. 9 to 69, par. 15

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **The Ministerial Training School was inaugurated on Thursday evening, October 1, 1987. An interesting program was conducted at the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses where some fine facilities are available for the school. The first class consists of 25 students. Arrangements are being made for the school to be conducted in other cities in the near future.**

◆ **Word has been received that our brothers who had been arrested and imprisoned in Burundi and Rwanda have been released. We are certainly thankful to Jehovah that they are now free. Despite their trials, the brothers remain strong in faith and they keep trusting in Jehovah.**

◆ **Argentina reports new peaks of 66,882 publishers and 86,637 Bible studies for June. During the recent three-month campaign, 26,685 subscriptions were obtained.**

◆ **Peru reports their third consecutive publisher peak with 24,807 reporting during June.**

◆ **Senegal reached a new peak of 492 publishers in June, a 9-percent increase over last year's average. Congregation publishers averaged 14.6 hours in the field service.**

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 6

In offering *Bible Stories* book

1. Why point to features explained in introduction?
2. What illustrations will you use?

DECEMBER 7-13

When using current magazines

1. How do you adjust your presentation to different kinds of people?
2. What specific point will you stress?

DECEMBER 14-20

How will you arouse interest of

1. Older person or parent in *Bible Stories* book?
2. Children in the *Bible Stories* book?

DECEMBER 21-27

How will you respond to

1. Holiday greetings?
2. "I'm very busy"?
3. "Don't you know what day this is?"

DECEMBER 28–JANUARY 3

In offering magazines during the holidays

1. What article will you feature?
2. Why avoid controversy?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Religion That Has Real Value.

2 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5—A mere form of worship is not enough.

John 4:23—Religion that God approves.

Assist Children in Praising Jehovah

CAN'T DO IT FOR THEM - what book you think of?

1 Ever since its release in 1978, *My Book of Bible Stories* has proved to be an invaluable aid both to parents and to youths. One mother was overjoyed when her nine-year-old boy, who previously never enjoyed sitting down to study, came into the house and asked, "Mom, will you get me my new book?" This is typical of the effect *My Book of Bible Stories* has had on children. How can we use it more fully to help children praise Jehovah?

HOW IT CAN BE DONE

Parents

2 The *Bible Stories* book can be used to instill spiritual qualities in the minds and hearts of your children. For example, story 58 emphasizes the qualities of courage and reliance on Jehovah when it tells of David facing the Philistine giant Goliath. (1 Sam. 17:45-51) Sometimes children are called upon to face obstacles that seem giantlike to them. If parents prepare children ahead of time, youngsters will be able to praise the name of Jehovah courageously in spite of pressures and temptations.—Prov. 22:6; see Genesis 18:19.

No child

3 It may be that you do not personally have any young children. But you may be able to work with young ones in the congregation, assisting them in praising the name of Jehovah. Christian youths are encouraged and motivated when appointed servants in the congregation take a personal interest in them. (Prov. 27:23) Can you spend more time with the young ones? It is especially beneficial when we assist them in field service.

OFFERING THE *BIBLE STORIES* BOOK

4 During the month of December, we will be offering *My Book of Bible Stories*. Young ones can be helped to present it effectively in the field service. They may even be able to start a study in it.

5 We encourage you young people to make a special effort during December to praise Jehovah in your school. It will take courage to do so, but Jehovah will give you the needed strength. Make opportunities to acquaint your schoolmates with *My Book of Bible Stories*.

6 Parents, go over some suggested presentations with your children. Help them use the scriptures in the Topic for Conversation. Young and old will take notice when they see well-prepared children praising Jehovah.

7 Let us also show our children the value of keeping good house-to-house records so they can make return visits on those who show interest. Keep before them the goal of starting home Bible studies. You may need to assist them in conducting the study when they get one started.

8 We want our young people to be among those mentioned by the psalmist who said: "Every breathing thing—let it praise Jah. Praise Jah, you people!" (Ps. 150:6) Pray for Jehovah's guidance in rendering the needed assistance.

Witnessing as a Family During December

1 "Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day of your military force." Those words of Psalm 110:3 well describe Jehovah's active organization today as men, women, and children zealously share in proclaiming the Kingdom good news. During the month of December, many family members will have excellent opportunities to expand their 'willing service' by increasing their share in the field ministry. If we are to 'buy out the opportune time,' we will need to make definite plans and carefully schedule our time in advance.—Col. 4:5; 1 Cor. 9:26.

2 Why not make witnessing a family project? Sit down together and determine the possibilities for increased field service during the month of December. With all family members contributing their expressions, you may be pleasantly surprised at how much good can be accomplished.—Prov. 11:14; 15:22.

3 Many young ones can take full advantage of time off from school to engage in the field service during the worldly holiday season. If you are a student, can you join the many other youths who will be auxiliary pioneering in December? If so, you will enjoy many rich blessings. Mothers may find that having the children out of school provides an excellent opportunity to devote more time to field service with their children. Is it possible for you fathers and mothers to auxiliary pioneer with your children? Or, with all family members working together, can you help at least one or perhaps more members of the family to auxiliary pioneer? Will you make a special effort to engage in field service each weekend during December? How encouraging and unifying this would be for all in your family!

MAKE DEFINITE PLANS

4 After carefully considering the possibilities for increasing your

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 29

Song 164

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Review magazine presentations for Saturday magazine activity. Demo

20 min: "Assist Children in Praising Jehovah." Questions and answers. Demonstrate how a parent can help a child prepare the current Topic for Conversation and tie it in with the offer of the *Bible Stories* book.

15 min: "Witnessing as a Family During December." Questions and answers. Have exemplary family discuss prospects for increased service as a family in December and how they will make up a schedule for their service. Conclude with encouragement for all who qualify to share in field service, offering *Bible Stories* book on first Sunday in December.

Song 126 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 6

12/13

Song 211 Talk · Hall Cleaning Demo. - Pio Meeting

10 min: Local announcements. Discuss magazine presentations and encourage all to support magazine witnessing on the second Saturday.

20 min: Conducting Effective Bible Studies. Encourage all to conduct Bible studies, including family studies, in a way that reaches the heart. Review some of the points outlined in the chart on page 24 of the November 1, 1986, *Watchtower* under the question "How can you be sure of reaching child's heart?" as well as some of the points in the article "When You Teach, Reach the Heart," found in the August 1, 1984, *Watchtower,* pages 13-17. Use an effective ~~pioneer to demonstra~~te some of these points in conducting a Bible study, using one or two paragraphs of chapter 1 of *Live Forever* book.

JM

15 min: Have book study conductor interview individual(s) or a family from his study group. Draw out how long they have been in truth, what made the truth appeal to them, what trials they had to overcome in order to come in the truth, what obstacles they have had to deal with to remain steadfast in the truth, and so forth.

Song 10 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 13

Song 189 DW- JA

ES

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Mention acknowledgments of any contributions sent to the Society, including those for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund and for helping missionaries attend the 1988 conventions. Outline special arrangements for witnessing during the holiday season.

TR

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Use Effective Introductions." Questions and answers. Demonstrate the two introductions featured in paragraph 4. Analyze with audience why these are effective.

15 min: Local needs or Do You Experience the Greater Happiness of Giving?, talk by elder based on first article in November 22, 1987, *Awake!*

Song 184 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 20

Hall Clean Time

Song 194 JM -TR

JT

15 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Demonstrate magazine presentations for use on fourth Saturday, developed with holiday season in mind. Discuss with audience how to respond to holiday greetings in field service. (See 1930-1985 *Index,* heading "House-to-House Preaching," subheading "Christmas season.")

RW

20 min: "Anticipating the Needs of the Harvest." Question-and-answer consideration of paragraphs 1-11. Read paragraphs as time permits. Call attention to pictures on pages 3 and 4.

DW

10 min: "Progressing With the Theocratic Ministry School." Discussion by Theocratic Ministry School overseer. Highlight changes in 1988 Theocratic Ministry School. Encourage local publishers to make good use of the Theocratic Ministry School in order to become more effective in their Christian ministry.

Song 165 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 27

WR

Song 93 BB Friday Talk Let

12 min: Local announcements. Encouragement for all to support arrangements for holiday witnessing this weekend, including the first Sunday of January. Highlight literature offer for January.

LA

18 min: "Anticipating the Needs of the Harvest." Question-and-answer consideration of paragraphs 12-18. Read paragraphs as time permits. Call attention to pictures on pages 5 and 6. Give encouragement to support Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

ES

15 min: "Helping Irregular Publishers." Discussion between secretary and another elder who conducts a Congregation Book Study. Include suggestions that will help local publishers who are irregular.

Song 116 and concluding prayer.

Witnessing as Family (*Cont'd*)

service as a family, you will need to make definite plans and work hard to follow through. Take just a few moments to write down goals for each member of the family and the daily field service schedule for each one. Perhaps this can be noted on your family theocratic calendar. Remember, if you do not schedule it, the time will come and go, and you may not have reached your goal.

[5] Of course, the congregation service overseer will want to make plans now for special group witnessing activity during this period. Particularly will this be so in connection with Christmas Day and New Year's Day, both of which fall on Friday this year. Field service arrangements can be made for all three days of these long weekends. In making these arrangements, we suggest that special consideration be given to householders who may be sleeping late on holiday mornings. A number of congregations have had very good success by scheduling field service on holidays a little later than usual in the morning and again in the afternoon.

[6] Experience has shown that December is an especially productive month for preaching the good news. Often, particularly on the holiday itself, more people are at home, and they are in a more relaxed frame of mind. Those who are religiously inclined are often willing to talk about spiritual matters. We want to take the fullest advantage of these circumstances to preach the good news and thus 'offer ourselves willingly' as a family 'on the day of Jehovah's military force.'

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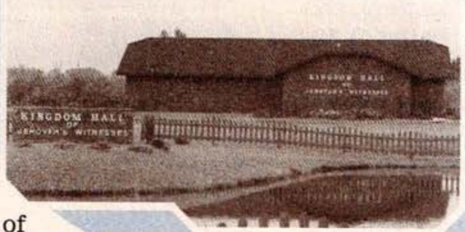
Anticipating the Needs of the Harvest

[1] During the past year many brothers in all parts of the country have had the privilege of attending dedication programs for new Kingdom Halls. These have certainly been joyful occasions. Brothers have related interesting facts about the history and progress of the work in their respective localities. They have shown how Jehovah prospered their efforts in the ministry, resulting in many new ones becoming part of the congregation. It has been observed, time and again, how Jehovah has also opened the way for congregations to obtain property and build new places of worship.

[2] Because of the rapid growth of the organization during recent years, the Society Kingdom Hall Fund was established in 1983 to meet the growing demand for new Kingdom Halls. Since that time, in the United States, more than 150,000 new Witnesses have been baptized. This outstanding increase has required the formation of hundreds of new congregations, thus creating a need for hundreds of new Kingdom Halls. Since it was set up, the Society Kingdom Hall Fund has been made available for the construction of 387 new Kingdom Halls for congregations in the 48 states under the United States branch. Obviously, the need for new Kingdom Halls continues and many more must be built as Jehovah continues to 'speed up' the ingathering work.—Isa. 60:22.

KINGDOM HALL

Piggott, Arkansas



Meadowlands, Minnesota

[3] In the September 1983 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* the point was made that Kingdom Hall construction had not kept pace with the formation of new congregations. Why? The article stated: "Basically the problem is economic. Whereas it is true that some expansion into outlying areas has been difficult or impossible because the brothers have not been able to build or otherwise provide appropriate Kingdom Halls in those areas, the problem the organization faces today primarily is found in the urban areas where property values have skyrocketed to such an extent that individual congregations, including large ones, have been unable to purchase even a site for the construction of a Kingdom Hall. In addition, exorbitant real estate prices have placed existing buildings suitable for conversion into Kingdom Halls out of the reach of the brothers." The brothers have responded wholeheartedly to this need and many Kingdom Halls have now been constructed in such urban areas.

GIVING IN FULL MEASURE

[4] The spirit of giving originates with Jehovah God who is the most generous Giver of good gifts. (Jas. 1:17) He is generous with all and he richly blesses those who in imitation of him practice giving freely and in full measure. (Acts 20:35) This was the experience of many in the first century who demonstrated appreciation for spiritual provisions by generously caring for the material needs of fellow Christians in another area. (2 Cor. 9:6, 7) In encouraging this spirit among the brothers today, appointed overseers are fulfilling what was written about them at Isaiah 32:8.

[5] Abilities and opportunities to give vary according to our individual circumstances, but upon examining our personal situation, we may find that we spend much on ourselves for convenience, pleasures, and even luxuries, in addition to day-to-day needs. (Luke 21:4; Matt. 6:25, 33) At times, it may be necessary to deny ourselves some of the things we would really like to have in order to support Jehovah's house of worship. It is not unusual to observe this taking place among Jehovah's people today. (Prov. 3:9, 10) It is this self-sacrificing love for the worldwide

brotherhood in obedience to Jesus' "new commandment" and example that makes Jehovah's Witnesses stand out today as true disciples. (John 13:34, 35) To the extent that we imitate Jehovah and prove obedient to Jesus' commandment, we can expect? to reap the joyful results.

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMITTEES

[6] In anticipation of the needs of the harvest, arrangements have been made for more Regional Building Committees to assist in the construction of Kingdom Halls. Positive results are being seen as capable men have become involved in organizing the work.

Why? Why?
[7] Some committees have projects scheduled a year or more in advance. Obviously, much work needs to be accomplished in the days ahead. Although more Kingdom Halls are needed, it is preferable that skilled craftsmen not be asked to work with more than one Regional Building Committee. Many of the brothers have congregation and family responsibilities and these cannot be neglected. For the sake of maintaining proper balance in these and other matters, this seems to be the reasonable course. (Phil. 1:9, 10; 4:5, 6) It may be that some congregations planning to build will be asked to delay their project for a while so that the schedule for Regional Building Committees does not become overloaded.

[8] Each Regional Building Committee contacts the skilled craftsmen from *within its own area* prior to the construction dates of a planned project, giving notice sufficiently in advance so that the volunteers can adjust their schedules ? accordingly. Careful planning has enabled Regional Building Committees to determine how 1) many workers will be needed for each phase of a construction project. These are scheduled to 2) arrive at the time that their particular skill is needed. Thus, they are fresh and ready to work when that phase of the project is to begin. When their services on a project are no longer needed, they return home and share in the local congregation meetings and activities along with their families.

4 [9] Regional Building Committees are continually training spiritually qualified brothers so they can assist in a meaningful way on future building projects. One Regional Building Committee reporting on the construction of a double Kingdom Hall over two successive weekends said that they followed the suggestion in the December 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert about having only skilled help and local volunteers present. At no time were there more than 200 volunteer workers on the site. This worked very well and all were kept busy. No one worked through the night.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY KINGDOM HALL FUND ASSISTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL THE KINGDOM HALLS PICTURED IN THIS INSERT

KINGDOM HALL
OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Huffman, Texas

KINGDOM HALL
OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Montezuma, Georgia

Dall Tex

Boca Raton, Florida

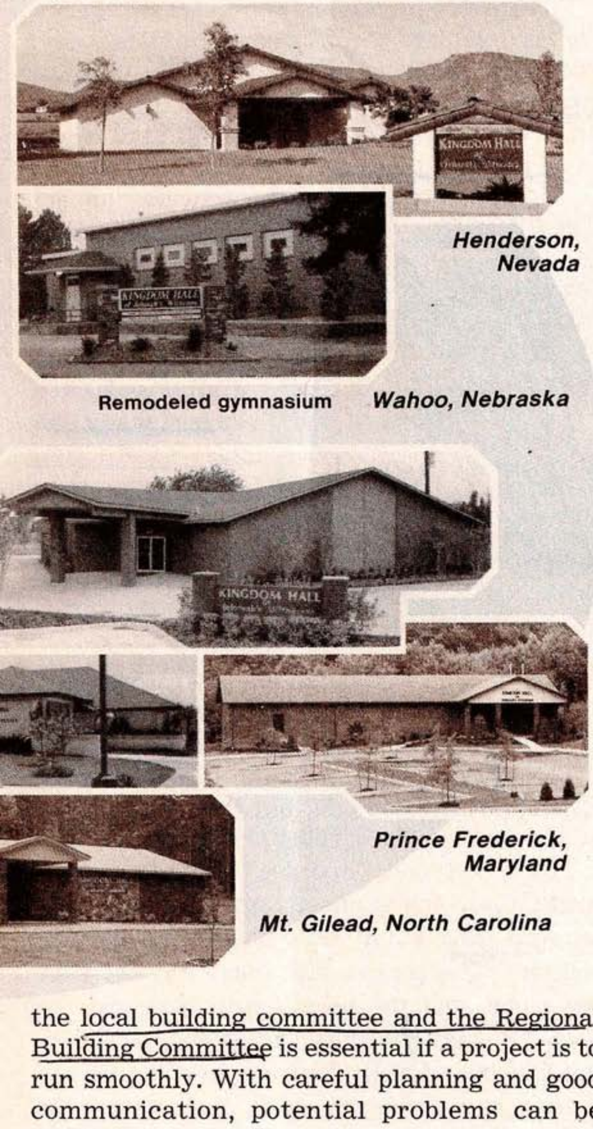
Salinas, California

Double auditorium

LOCAL BUILDING COMMITTEES

[10] If a local building committee? has in mind asking for assistance from the Regional Building Committee, it would be advisable for them to contact the Regional Building Committee at the outset, *even before property is purchased.* Thereafter, as progress is made, matters can be closely coordinated. Much of the work can be

organized by the local elders and those from neighboring congregations who have volunteered. Ordinarily, the general work force also comes from local and nearby congregations, while the Regional Building Committee schedules additional volunteers who have skills not available locally. The Regional Building Committee is in a position to offer suggestions as to how they can proceed. The cooperation of both the local building committee and the Regional Building Committee is essential if a project is to run smoothly. With careful planning and good communication, potential problems can be avoided.



Henderson, Nevada

Remodeled gymnasium Wahoo, Nebraska

Prince Frederick, Maryland

Mt. Gilead, North Carolina

[11] It may be that a congregation has brothers who are qualified to build or remodel its Kingdom Hall, but advice or other specific assistance is needed. In this case, there is no objection to the brothers' proceeding on their own to the extent possible. At the same time, the brothers can feel free to call on the Regional Building Committee for the additional help that is needed. By seeking specific advice or assistance from the Regional Building Committee, schedules can be worked out in such a way that skilled workers will not be away from their families and home congregations longer than is actually necessary.

CURRENT NEEDS

[12] Jehovah's people are a forward-looking people. It is obvious that Jehovah is bringing the increase. Last service year the number of congregations in the United States increased by 211. This is more than four each week! We must anticipate the needs of this harvesttime. No doubt the continued generous spirit of giving on the part of the brothers will allow the Society Kingdom Hall Fund to provide financing for more Kingdom Halls across the country. The funds that have been contributed for the advancement of the Kingdom Hall construction work are an evidence that Jehovah's faithful servants are quick to see a need and are willing to meet that need in a whole-souled manner.

[13] It is certainly most commendable that many congregations have eliminated extra or unnecessary features from their construction plans and in this way have reduced costs. It can be observed from the Kingdom Halls shown in this insert that congregations have built modestly, though attractively, and thus have not imposed a burden upon their brothers who assist with construction or upon the resources of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. (Phil. 2:4) Regional Building Committees are encouraged to give suggestions to this end.

[14] As congregations have come to hear of the needs of their brothers in other places, they have responded just as the Corinthians did in the first century when they heard of the needs of their Judean brothers. Paul encouraged them to volunteer assistance in a material way. He wrote: "Nevertheless, just as you are abounding in everything, in faith and word and knowledge and all earnestness and in this love of ours to you, may you also abound in this kind giving." (2 Cor. 8:7) Thus Paul associates the giving of needed

funds with faith and knowledge and love, and encourages such giving. He reminded the Corinthians of the principle that to sow sparingly is to reap sparingly and then encouraged them: "Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Although giving was entirely voluntary, no one needed to feel he could not share, for Paul said: "God, moreover, is able to make all his undeserved kindness abound toward you, that, while you always have full self-sufficiency in everything, you may have plenty for every good work."—2 Cor. 9:6-9.

15 This type of giving by the brothers is not taken for granted. The Society regularly receives letters of appreciation for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. One congregation writes: "All the brothers and sisters would like to express appreciation for assistance through the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. What a wonderful provision this is from Jehovah." They go on to relate: "The community was truly given a fine witness as to the love and unity of Jehovah's people. We have heard many favorable comments." Regarding another project, the brothers state: "It is the most outstanding building in this area, from the standpoint of looks and quality of construction. Recently a man and his wife came to the hall and asked for a subscription to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* and a book explaining the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. He said that he was really impressed by the building of the hall. Many local people who had been opposed to Jehovah's Witnesses came by during the open house and looked at the building and were very impressed. We are truly thankful to Jehovah for the fine provision of this much-needed new Kingdom Hall. And we thank you brothers for your assistance in the financing of it." The generous giving on the part of Jehovah's people must certainly bring joy to his heart, as it does to all the brotherhood.

our hall

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Lincoln, Maine

Fort Smith, Arkansas

16 It is still necessary to ask many congregations that have a pressing need for a new Kingdom Hall facility to delay their projects until such time as sufficient funds become available to provide needed loans. Each month as additional contributions are received and loans are repaid, the Society will progressively contact these congregations to let them know that funds are available.

FUTURE PROSPERITY

17 Jehovah's promise of continued prosperity for his organized people is being fulfilled today. (Isa. 54:2, 3) Are we individually doing what we can in cooperation with him in this regard? Our efforts in the field ministry are bound to result in further ingathering of new ones into the fold. This requires the providing of appropriate accommodations for new congregations. Your generous contributions to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund have helped many and will surely continue to assist in caring for future increase by providing funds to construct new Kingdom Halls.

18 Jehovah's modern-day servants will continue to show the same spirit as that encouraged by Paul at 2 Corinthians 8:13-15: "For I do not mean for it to be easy for others, but hard on you; but that by means of an equalizing your surplus just now might offset their deficiency, in order that their surplus might also come to offset your deficiency, that an equalizing might take place. Just as it is written: 'The person with much did not have too much, and the person with little did not have too little.'" With this generous spirit moving Jehovah's devoted servants to give freely of their personal talents, skills, hard work, and material possessions, his name will be exalted even more with the coming of many more dedicated praisers into the one fold of true worshipers.—Rev. 7:9.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50. The *"Look!"* brochure may also be offered for a contribution of 30¢. **January and February:** Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of $1.00. May include *Choosing,* Commentary on James,* "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit,* Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.* (*These may be ordered from Brooklyn if needed.) Congregations may request credit for all books obtained by publishers and pioneers. The pioneer rate for the pocket-size books for this campaign is 30¢ each for regular and special pioneers. **March:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- It is suggested that all congregations display the new yeartext by January 1, 1988.
- Congregations should begin ordering bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1987 on their December literature orders. (See the 1987 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10, for the date you should submit your order.) The bound volumes will be available in Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. Until the bound volumes are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. Bound volumes are controlled stock items (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) and will be charged at $6.00 each for congregation, public, and pioneers.
- New Publications Available:
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Faeroese
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Ponapean, Turkish, Yoruba
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Bicol, Efik
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Quiche
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Faeroese, Hausa, Igbo, Kosraean
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Gun, Hausa, Vietnamese
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1985 —Japanese
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1986 —English
  - Tract No. 13 —Croatian, Danish, Norwegian, Thai
  - Tract No. 15 —Danish
  - Tract No. 16 —Danish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Danish
  - *The First of Chronicles* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - *The Second of Chronicles* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 1, *Genesis* to *Ruth* (set of 18 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —German
  - *Deuteronomy* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Italian

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Helping Irregular Publishers

1 Jesus said: "Everyone that hears these sayings of mine and *does* them will be likened to a discreet man, who built his house upon the rock-mass." (Matt. 7:24) Getting the sense of Jesus' words and being properly motivated will cause one to produce fine works, including preaching the good news. Such rightly motivated obedience provides a rocklike foundation that will not wash away during storms of adversity.

2 It is for good reason that we want to help one another share in the preaching work to the fullest extent permitted by our individual circumstances. Some among us are irregular publishers, and this is of much concern. What could cause one to let an entire month go by without having some share in the vital preaching and disciple-making work?

3 Some may have been seriously ill, and others may have put off field service until late in the month, only to find themselves caught up in unforeseen circumstances that prevented them from getting out in service. Others may lack appreciation for the ministry as a treasure of service that should be given priority. (2 Cor. 4:7) Pressure from an unbelieving mate or other relatives has been a discouraging factor at times. A failure to maintain good personal study habits and regularity in meeting attendance has affected still others, so that they lost their sense of urgency regarding the nearness of the end of Satan's world. (2 Pet. 3:11, 12) Something has affected their heart. Therefore they are not motivated to speak out of its abundance. (Matt. 12:34) Whatever the reason, we want to help them.

WHAT THE ELDERS CAN DO

4 Elders should strive to know the circumstances and needs of all in the congregation so as to render loving assistance. In their meetings the elders should take note of any who may have become irregular publishers and determine who can help them and how this might be done. They may also address the problem when considering local needs for the Service Meeting. The secretary should note any trend toward irregularity in field service when posting the Congregation's Publisher Record cards.

WHAT BOOK STUDY CONDUCTORS CAN DO

5 Each month the secretary should provide Congregation Book Study conductors with a list of those who fail to report field activity, so that prompt assistance can be given. (See *Our Kingdom Ministry* for May 1984, page 7.) The study conductor should kindly approach irregular ones to ascertain what may be hindering them and how he can be of assistance. (Prov. 27:23) Most irregular ones will appreciate help. After getting to know the person's circumstances, the conductor should make definite arrangements to work personally with him or to have another mature publisher or pioneer do so. Giving irregular ones practical suggestions on preparing a schedule suited to their individual circumstances may also be helpful. Can they plan to share regularly in field service the first Sunday of each month or on the second and fourth Saturdays? If transportation is a problem or they need help with small children, the conductor can enlist the aid of other willing publishers.

6 When visiting the book study groups, the service overseer can make arrangements to call on irregular ones with the study conductor. Thus two mature brothers will be able to share in giving counsel and then help such ones to build a rocklike foundation of obedience to Christ's command to preach and make disciples. They may thus be motivated to place the preaching work high on their list of priorities. (Rom. 10:10) Let us exert ourselves in this way to show our love for "those related to us in the faith." —Gal. 6:10.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	256	128.5	92.6	53.5	5.6
Pios.	57,881	85.6	44.6	28.0	2.7
Aux. Pios.	36,820	60.3	31.0	16.2	1.4
Pubs.	639,046	9.8	6.8	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	734,003				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,333

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Use Effective Introductions

[1] Much good can be accomplished in our field ministry if we have prepared effective introductions. If we do not get the attention of the householder at the outset so as to start a conversation or place literature with him, we may not stimulate sufficient interest to warrant a return visit with the goal of starting a home Bible study. Therefore, much depends on how effective our opening words are. How can we make our introductions more effective?

PURPOSE OF INTRODUCTIONS

[2] To start with, we must have clearly in mind the purpose of introductions. The *School Guidebook* says: "The introduction . . . should arouse interest in the subject. It ought to capture the attention of your audience and prepare them to give favorable consideration to what follows." The book adds: "One of the best ways to arouse interest . . . is to get your audience involved." (See page 113, paragraphs 1 and 2.) How can we do this in the field ministry?

[3] The introductions found on pages 9-15 in the *Reasoning* book were prepared with the foregoing in mind. Analyze these. Note how they have been designed to capture interest and direct the attention of the householders to the subjects being considered. Many have used the introductions in the *Reasoning* book with good results. One sister said that by using a variety of introductions, her field service has become more enjoyable and she has been made more conscious of trying to engage people in conversations. Concerning the suggestions in the *Reasoning* book, she said: "They really work."

[4] What introductions have you found effective with the current Topic for Conversation? Have you tried those listed under the heading "Bible/God" on page 10 of the *Reasoning* book? One of them can be used with our current Topic for Conversation as follows: "I am glad to find you at home. I am sharing with my neighbors an encouraging thought from the Bible. Have you ever wondered what makes religion have real value with God?" Another introduction could be: "We are encouraging folks to read their Bible. The answers that it gives to important questions often surprise people. For example, notice how 2 Timothy 3:1, 2, and 5 shows why God does not accept some of the worship engaged in by religious people."

[5] You may find it appropriate to use other introductions in addition to those included in the *Reasoning* book. Much will depend on the types of persons you meet in your territory. However, you will find it beneficial to follow the pattern of the introductions given in the *Reasoning* book. They present issues that concern people. They get the householder involved in the conversation. They are brief and to the point. There is much benefit in carefully examining the introductions presented in the *Reasoning* book, even if at times your territory may call for introductions not included in the book.

[6] On the other hand, using the introductions in the *Reasoning* book word for word has been very effective. Some have read appropriate introductions directly from their *Reasoning* book when speaking over the intercom in high-security buildings. This has enabled them to be fluent and to the point, and to capture the householder's attention. They have been invited into the building to continue the conversation. In one large city, this method has been the most effective means of reaching people in high-security buildings.

[7] We want to keep in mind how important our opening words are in the field ministry. So much depends on their effectiveness. Like Solomon, we too should thoroughly search for delightful words as we prepare to use effective introductions in our house-to-house work. The *Reasoning* book will help us in this search.—Eccl. 12:9, 10.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

December 6: Pages 70, par. 1 to 74, par. 10
December 13: Pages 74, par. 11 to 80, par. 6
December 20: Pages 80, par. 7 to 82, par. 12
December 27: Pages 83, par. 13 to 90, par. 8

Study material is apportioned according to number of scriptures used. These should be read and applied as time allows.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **The district convention in Aruba was attended by 960, and 21 were baptized.**
- **Two district conventions held in the Bahamas were attended by 2,334, with 34 baptized.**
- **Bolivia reported a fine month of activity in July with peaks of 5,401 publishers and 9,009 Bible studies. Congregation publishers averaged 13.6 hours in the field ministry.**

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75)
—Japanese
Isaiah (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00)
—Spanish

Progressing With the Theocratic Ministry School

[1] We rejoice greatly that Jehovah has given us "the tongue of the taught ones." (Isa. 50:4) The Theocratic Ministry School has been an important teaching instrument that Jehovah has used to provide us with theocratic education for more than 44 years. Now we have our new Theocratic Ministry School Schedule. Have you carefully reviewed the instructions for the school during 1988?

[2] The No. 1 assignment, Bible highlights, and No. 2 talk will follow the same pattern as during the previous year. But talks No. 3 and 4 will differ in that they will take us into two teaching aids we use extensively in the field ministry, namely, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* and *Reasoning From the Scriptures*.

[3] The No. 3 talk will be based alternately on the *Reasoning* book and the *Live Forever* book. When based on the *Live Forever* book, it should be assigned primarily to sisters who are new in the truth or younger in years. This will give them valuable experience and familiarity with this field instrument. The No. 4 talk will be regularly based on the *Reasoning* book.

[4] As we prepare for the school each week, our progressively covering the *Reasoning* book will enable us to become much more familiar with what it contains, and then we will more readily think of using it when questions or objections arise. This will help us to become more effective in the field ministry as our educated tongue speaks the truth with greater persuasiveness.—Compare Acts 17:2, 3.